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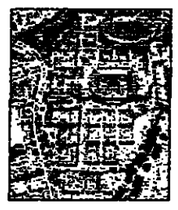
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Queen opens palace to pay for Windsor blaze



SIMON WALKER

Waiting at the gate: tourists gazing through the railings at Buckingham Palace yesterday. Their first chance to step inside will come in August — at £8 a ticket

BY ALAN HAMILTON

■ Opening Buckingham Palace to the public to provide cash for Windsor Castle could also raise important questions of security and pedestrian precincts

THE Queen is to open Buckingham Palace to tourists to raise money for repair work at Windsor Castle caused by last November's fire. For the first time, visitors will be able to see the State Apartments and their priceless collection of paintings, furniture and porcelain, but only during August and September, when the monarch is safely ensconced at Balmoral.

The admission fee will be £8 a head, considerably higher than admission charges to most other stately homes and historic buildings. A charge of £3 will also be introduced for visitors to the precincts of Windsor Castle, which have traditionally been free.

Announcing the charges in the Commons yesterday, Peter Brooke, the national heritage secretary, said it was hoped that gate money would pay for 70 per cent of the cost of restoration, which is estimated at between £30 and £40 million over the next five years. The balance, about £2.5 million a year for five years, would be funded from the existing annual £20 million government grant for the maintenance of occupied royal palaces; this would be achieved by increased efficiency without compromising work at other palaces.

The decision to open Buckingham Palace, with its attendant organisational and security problems, has been made against a background of widespread public opposition to any suggestion that the restoration work at Windsor should be paid for by the taxpayer. A public fund opened by the heritage department has attracted only £25,000 in donations, although Buckingham Palace spokesmen pointed out yesterday that no appeal for money had been launched.

The Earl of Airlie, the Lord Chamberlain, announcing details of the new opening, said yesterday: "The Queen is conscious of the present pressures on public expenditure and, although Windsor Castle does not belong to Her Majesty personally and is the government's rather than Her Majesty's financial responsibility, she is naturally keen to avoid additional demands on the public purse."

He added that the decision to open the State Apartments would allow the public to see much more of the Royal Collection. The apartments are a rich and largely unseen repository of Reubens and Van Dyck, of Sèvres porcelain, and of French furniture, some of it from Versailles, collected by George IV.

The royal household hopes that about 400,000 people will go to the State Apartments during the annual eight-week visiting period. The palace is expected to be open seven days a week.

Although the route of the public tour has still to be determined, visitors are expected to be able to walk through the main apartments, which include the ballroom, the throne room, the state dining room and the picture gallery. Public openings are likely to continue each summer for the five years it is expected to take to complete the restoration at Windsor; Lord Airlie said it was not possible at this stage to predict whether it would become a permanent event. Much of the palace, including the Queen's private apartments and large sections that accommodate offices and other private facilities, would remain firmly closed.

The visiting plan means that there will have to be further consideration of recent calls to pedestrianise the area outside the palace railings around the Victoria Memorial, although public access is expected to be through the Ambassadors' Entrance at the side of the palace grounds.

Until now those who have been able to glimpse the interior of John Nash's "palace fit for a king" — remodelled from an earlier and more modest house on the orders of George IV — have been largely restricted to the 40,000 visitors invited to the Queen's garden parties each year. However, even they see only a small range of apartments on the ground floor on their way to the garden.

Large sums will also be raised by the £3 charge at Windsor Castle, which attracts about two million tourists a year. The charge will include admission to St George's Chapel, which has levied its own £3 fee until now, but admission to the State Apartments will continue to incur an extra charge. Residents of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead will be given free admission to the castle precincts.

Lord Airlie said that if charging admission to Buckingham Palace and the castle precincts continued after restoration work was completed, the money would go towards continued maintenance of the castle and of the Royal Collection, the only major art collec-

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Hurd tells US Britain will not agree to arm Muslims

BY PHILIP WEBSTER IN LONDON, TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

ANGLO-AMERICAN policy divisions over Bosnia sharpened yesterday as London made clear that it would not countenance any lifting of the arms embargo against Muslims and would agree only reluctantly to air strikes against the Serbs.

The French withdrew hundreds of their United Nations troops from peacekeeping duties near Belgrade yesterday, fearing that they might become reprisal targets; the move further amplified Western divisions over any new Bosnia policy. The Bosnian Serbs, meanwhile, planned to recall their parliament to reconsider their refusal to sign the Vance-Owen peace plan.

While the world awaited the announcement of President Clinton's new policy on Bosnia, there were signs last night that he might plump for a twin-track approach combining limited air strikes and the lifting of the arms embargo against the Muslims.

The British government has told Washington that it has fundamental objections to easing the embargo, one of the key options put forward to help the Muslims. But it is expected to agree, with some reluctance, to limited air strikes against Serbian targets if its worries about safeguarding civilians and British and other UN troops on the ground can be met.

With the Commons clearly cool to any kind of military intervention, ministers hope that such a compromise would avoid an open breach with the Clinton administration. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, emphasised the high stakes when he told the Commons that the Nato alliance must not be allowed to fracture over Bosnia. But he added that the worst of all worlds would be "half measures which salved consciences without saving lives". Britain's stance was reinforced yesterday by Mr Hurd in a telephone conversation with Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State. Ministers believe their opposition will dissuade President Clinton from pressing ahead with a plan favoured by senior officials in Washington.

With Ray Seitz, the US ambassador, looking on from the Commons public gallery, Mr Hurd told MPs that far from ending the suffering, lifting the embargo would aggravate it. "We believe we should be in the business of trying to stop the war, not equipping the parties to fight it out," he said.

Britain's tough line against the embargo emerged after a cabinet meeting yesterday in which severe doubts were raised about the viability of military intervention. One minister most closely involved described lifting the embargo as "morally bankrupt" and a "counsel of despair".

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Heath warns of slide to war

Sir Edward Heath, the former prime minister, was cheered when he warned Mr Major against being dragged by the Americans into a Balkan war. He called for an "absolutely clear categorical assurance that no British forces of any kind will become involved ... except for humanitarian reasons." Mr Major said he could not rule out further measures for "maximising pressure on the Serbs".

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Poll shows upturn failing to lift Tories

BY PETER RIDDELL
POLITICAL EDITOR

AFTER this month's sharp improvement in economic optimism, to its highest level for nearly a year, Britons believe the recession is over and recovery under way.

A new MORI poll for *The Times* in the wake of the unexpected jobless fall in the past two months backs growing evidence of rises in sales and output.

The optimism has, however, not yet boosted the standing of the Conservatives in the polls, still at its post-election low of 32 per cent, well behind Labour's 46 per cent. The main change in the past month has been a further rise in the Liberal Democrats' rating, up three points to 20 per cent, its highest level for nearly six years.

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Observer saved by Guardian angel

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE *Observer* is to be taken over by *The Guardian* in a deal expected to trigger a critical phase in the newspaper circulation war. *The Independent*, foiled in its bid to purchase the world's oldest Sunday newspaper, will be left with its own Sunday title fighting for survival.

Confirmation of the deal came in a surprise statement from Lonrho, "Tiny" Rowland's mining to hotels conglomerate, that it had undertaken to consult the *Observer's* directors about an offer from *The Guardian* and *Manchester Evening News*, which it found "acceptable".

The full *Observer* board will meet next week to approve the takeover, which, like all newspaper deals of this kind, will then be subjected to scrutiny by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to ensure that press competition is preserved.

Until yesterday, Newspaper Publishing, owner of *The Independent* and *The Independent on Sunday*, appeared confident that it had succeeded in buying the 202-year-old Sunday title. The takeover is a severe blow for Andreas Whittam Smith, founder editor of *The Independent*, who had hoped that the combined sales of his Sunday paper and the *Observer* would strengthen Newspaper Publishing's flagging financial position. Yesterday the *Independent* group announced a fall in pre-tax profits for the first half of its financial year.

Observer staff, who had feared the paper would close and be subsumed into *The Independent on Sunday*, greeted the news with cheers, although their relief was tempered with anxiety for their own futures on a *Guardian*-owned *Observer*.

The takeover will mean the end of the 18-year rule of the *Observer's* editor, Donald Trelford, who said he was "delighted" that the paper had been maintained as a separate title. Last night, Jonathan Fenby, deputy editor of *The Guardian*, was being tipped to take over.

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Sweeping reforms to save Lloyd's

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

LLOYD'S of London yesterday announced the biggest management shake-up in its history. The world's largest insurance market will bring an end to 300 years of tradition of unlimited liability, the practice which has meant that names, the market's investors, are liable for all their assets.

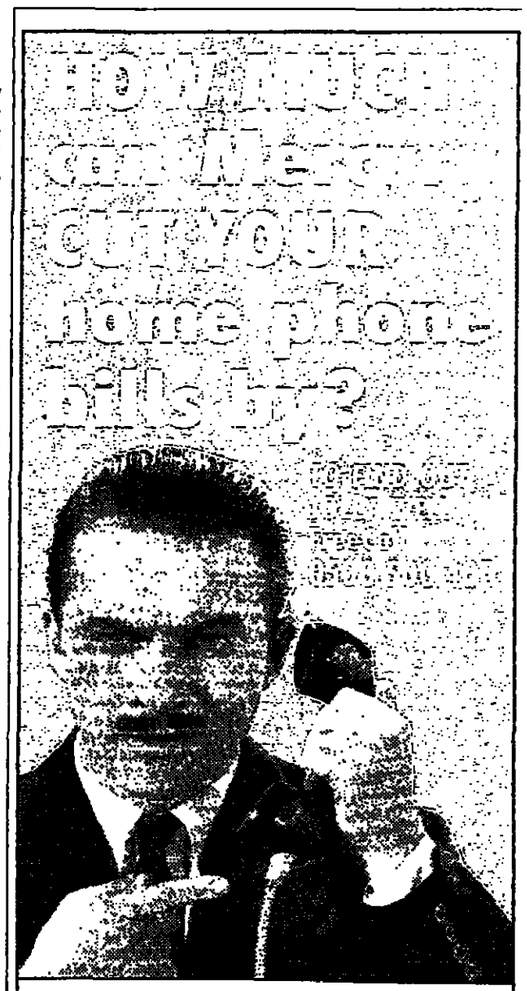
The names, hard hit in recent years by hundreds of millions of pounds worth of losses from claims caused by storms, asbestosis and pollution, are being given the opportunity to switch to limited liability. Lloyd's will also open its doors, closed to all but the richest and most famous, to enable companies to invest on the same basis.

The change is a desperate attempt to save Lloyd's from collapse and to return to making money for its investors. To achieve this dual aim Lloyd's proposes a radical upheaval of the market, including 2,500 job losses over two years and a cut in the amount of money taken from names to pay professionals.

David Rowland, Lloyd's chairman, warned the present generation of names that they could face record losses of up to £2.8 billion this summer. The management's target is to reverse the situation through measures intended to lead to a £900 million profit by 1995.

Last night, Dr Mary Archer, for the names' hardship committee, said: "This is the right way forward. I am confident Lloyd's will continue and flourish." Buster Mottram, a tennis star, who is said to have lost £300,000, thought Lloyd's had "failed to resolve many of the problems."

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The thinking man's brat finds a beastly bedfellow

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Politics makes strange bedfellows, now the old Thatcherite simplicities are gone. Once, it was East versus West, capitalism versus socialism, Neil versus Maggie. Pin a fellow down on one issue and you could make a fair guess where to find him on the others.

That has changed. Bosnia. Maastricht ... key questions drive their stakes into the heart of each party's unity. To Bosnia in a moment: even the first subject of the afternoon, farming, uncovered strange fault-lines. When one Derbyshire MP agrees with another about *anything*, the world is falling apart. Dennis Skinner was seen nodding yesterday as Phillip Oppenheim (C, Amber Valley) spoke.

Rude, confident, articulate young Oppenheim is a sort of thinking man's brat: intellectual scrum-half of the Thatcherite youth team. To the horror of Tory farmers around him, he had demanded a list of the ways we feather-bed food growers. Agriculture minister Gummer could not think of any farming sector we did *not* feather-bed. Oppenheim, in an impressive diatribe, retorted that the list of subsidies was evidently too long to read out, and asked whether the minister was not a little ashamed: ashamed, particularly, that while preaching market economics to the emerging Eastern bloc countries, the EC was blocking the import of the fruit they grew.

Rattled, Gummer suggested that the farmers of Amber Valley would not agree with their MP — a somewhat below-the-belt response to a junior colleague with a majority of 712, but it reminded us that at least Oppenheim had courage. MPs from both sides of the House cheered him — though no front-bencher from either side.

Loud among the Tory cheers were those of Nicholas Budgen (C, Wolverhampton SW). Budgen, an enthusiastic huntsman, has been seen in half the ditches of the foxhunting counties. You might expect him to be an advocate for a time-honoured Tory interest: that of the countryman. But Mr Budgen also hates Maastricht. Euro-folly of every sort is anathema to him. Hanging in the mist above every rural foxhunt, and mingling with English nationalism, is a suspicion of all that emanates from Brussels. But rural subsidies emanate from Brussels. Torn between competing petulances, MPs fall both ways.

Prime minister's questions uncovered a crueller divide. John Smith, to sympathetic nods from a number of Tory MPs and a deafening silence from his own side, declared that the argument for air-strikes against Serbia now outweighed the argument against. To growls of support from many Tories who support Baroness Thatcher on Maastricht (including Budgen), John Major took a view contrary to her own, and urged delay. And there were cheers on the Labour side as well as from Tories — *and scowls from John Smith* — when Ted Heath said that delay was not enough: Major should draw a clear line, refuse to countenance British military involvement "*in a European war*" and tell Washington so, too. Dennis Skinner, who angrily espouses the "not a drop of British blood" line, agrees. So does Nick Budgen.

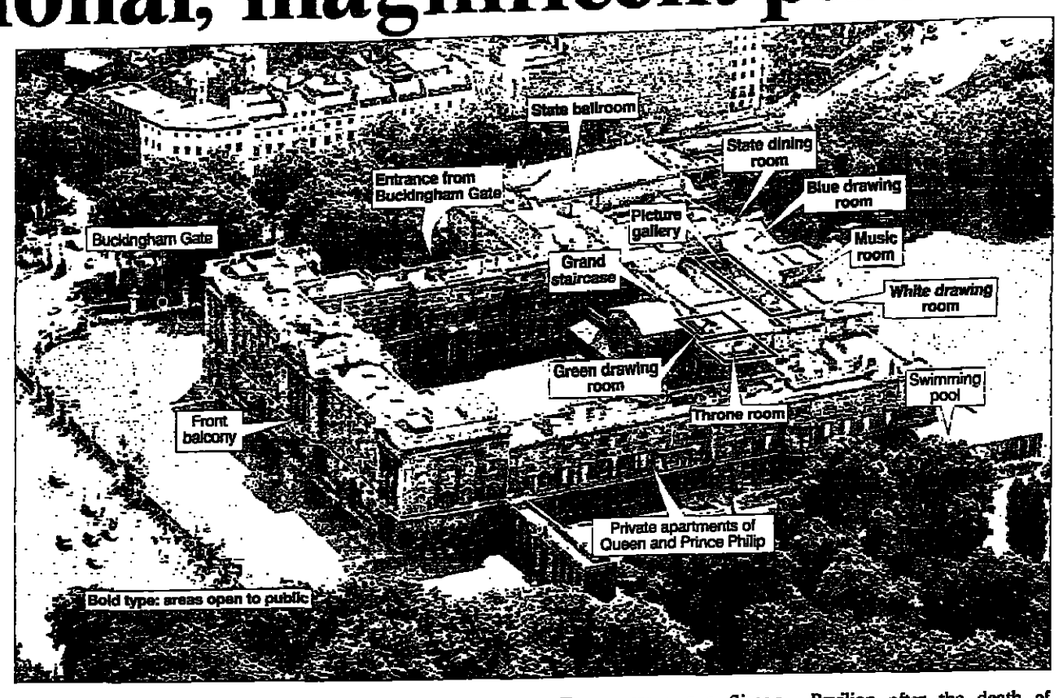
Heath (pro-Maastricht, Yugo-sceptic); Budgen *and Skinner* (Euro-sceptic, Yugo-sceptic); Smith (pro-Maastricht, Yugo-hawk); Thatcher (Euro-sceptic, Yugo-hawk); Major (er, er) ...

With a helicopter removing an attempted Bosnian suicide as I write, "er, er" gains stature as a not-ignoble response.

By royal invitation and for a limited season only: Her

Visitors will find understated, functional, magnificent palace

BY TOM CORBY



VISITORS to Buckingham palace, having paid their £8 entrance fee, are unlikely to find a royal guide to show them round the Queen's official London residence with its 19 state rooms, 52 royal and guest bedrooms, 188 staff bedrooms, 92 offices and 78 bathrooms. But the pink, cream and gold splendour of the palace will not dissapoint.

It is not so splendid as Versailles, or even some of Britain's more stately homes, but it reflects the personality of the ruling house: an understated, functional grandeur.

Deep cerise is the dominant colour, set off by cool marble sculptures, wall to wall portraits of the Queen's ancestors and many reminders of the Queen-Empress, Victoria, who made the palace her official London residence in the mid-19th century.

The public is now being allowed into 19 areas of the palace, some of which have been off limits even to the Queen's official guests. They will see, among other things, three drawing rooms — the green, the blue, and the white — the marble hall, the throne room, the music room and the picture gallery where honours recipients are marshalled before making their bow.

The 155ft-long skylighted picture gallery, built primarily to display George IV's collection of Dutch and Flemish paintings, still houses many of the larger examples.

The music room has been the scene of many royal christenings and it is here that the Queen receives guests during state visits.

The paying visitor will also see the Bow room, through which the Queen's 30,000 garden party guests pass each summer, 10,000 for each occasion, on their way to the terrace and Her Majesty's perfectly manicured lawns. There will, of course, be no tea for the paying visitors.

☐ Buckingham Palace has rarely won the affection of its residents (Graham Paterson writes). When Queen Victoria came to the throne in 1837 the drains were faulty, she complained, there were no sinks for the chambermaids on the bedroom floors, few of the lavatories were ventilated, the bells would not ring, doors would not close and many of the windows in the 600 rooms would not open.

But John Nash's great palace, of which the royal family occupies a small corner, and which was largely built and subsequently maintained at public expense, has always fascinated commoners who crane to peer into its walled grounds from buses or the high-rise bars of the Hilton hotel.

Visitors have been allowed through the tradesmen's entrance into the Queen's Gallery, part of the old stables, but access to the magnificent state rooms has always been closed to the public who pay for their upkeep. Foreign ambassadors and their flunkeys (and anyone who knows how to pull the right strings) have glimpsed London's greatest tourist attraction; London residents and tourists alike have not.

Twenty years ago Simon Jenkins, now a columnist on *The Times*, asked a Buckingham Palace spokesman when it would be opened to the public. "It will come in my lifetime," the courtier replied, "but it won't come yet."

It is difficult to convey just what an extraordinary treasure house lies at the end of the Mall. Last year, at the invitation of a member of the royal family, I attended an informal lunch in the semi-private appartments in the east front with their spectacular views towards Trafalgar Square. The rooms, built by Edward Blore in 1847, are furnished with the splendid, mock Oriental pictures and panelling removed from the Brighton Pavilion after the death of William IV. The English artists have carefully captured the conical hats and slit eyes of their oriental subjects. But, without eastern models, every face resolutely sports a Western nose.

The public is to be granted access to some little-used state rooms, but there is ample scope for expansion in the giant palace.

Buckingham Palace, with its treasures, views and history, gossip and romance, will easily equal the Tower of London as the nation's greatest tourist magnet. It will help to pay for the restoration of Windsor Castle and could prove the biggest boost to tourism in London for decades.

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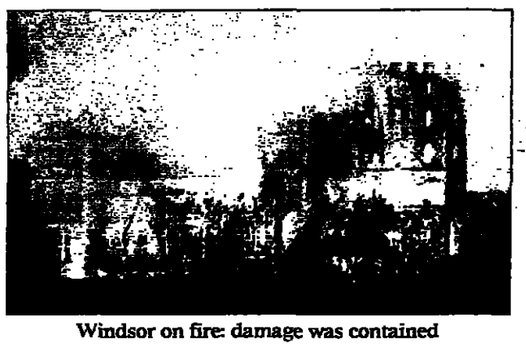
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Commonsense conservation is phoenix from the flames

BY MARCUS BINNEY
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Windsor on fire: damage was contained

THE plans for the restoration of Windsor Castle are a victory for both conservation and commonsense.

Fears that versions of the Louvre glass pyramid or the coloured pipes of the Pompidou Centre would appear amid the battlements have been firmly set aside. External stone walls that suffered limited damage will be restored and roofs reconstructed to maintain the old profile.

Aerial photographs taken immediately after the fire gave the impression that many interiors were gutted, but though ceilings and roofs were destroyed, panelling and plasterwork survived to a remarkable extent because the fury of the fire was largely concentrated in the roof voids.

The solution adopted represents a victory for the scholarship of the curators of the royal collections, whose prompt action saved most of the contents of the rooms and who have been able to demonstrate that most of the interiors can be reinstated with their furnishings. It is also a triumph for the archaeologists of English Heritage who, fresh from their experience at Hampton Court, were able to salvage a remarkable amount of evidence and features in fire damaged rooms.

Controversy is likely to centre on the roof of St George's Hall. A good proportion of the wall panelling remains and a number of roof bosses have been recovered.

The principal alternatives are a meticulous reinstatement of the Gothic revival roof, including repainting of the coats of arms of the knights of the garter, and a modern roof, most probably in timber. A high-tech steel roof is now much less likely. The grand reception room, the green drawing-room and adjoining corridors and vestibules suffered only partial damage and almost all the furniture and pictures from these rooms were in store. They can be reinstated, incorporating repaired and salvaged fragments.

Restoration so far from being pure reproduction, could set a new standard in showing how original work can be repaired and reincorporated after such disasters. There is likely to be considerable debate as to whether the old work should be distinguished from the new or subsumed in a careful revival of original colours.

A modern solution is being considered for the private chapel and adjoining rooms, which were totally destroyed. The chapel however had been substantially remodelled in the 1950s. Restoration should be complete by 1997.

Historic origins of stately enterprise

BY JOHN YOUNG

THE idea of opening houses to the public dates back to the 18th century, and possibly even earlier, when the nobility and the gentry were more hospitably disposed to travellers of some social standing.

During the building of Castle Howard in North Yorkshire, the Earl of Carlisle built an inn specially for visitors. Elsewhere, housekeepers were able to earn substantial sums from showing the "carriage trade" around their employers' premises. Many of the people who came to goggle were themselves wealthy and in search of ideas for building and decorating their own country homes.

The tradition came to an end in Victorian times with the coming of the railways. Owners had no wish to open their doors to the new breed of traveller.

That situation remained until after the first world war when owners of large houses began to find themselves short of cash. Depression, inflation, death duties and the increasing scarcity of servants combined to leave them in a relatively parlous position and after the second world war, when there was little conservation, a positive orgy of destruction ensued. During one 18-month period in 1950 and 1951, it was estimated that a major country house was lost every four days.

The situation inspired some of the more far-sighted owners to look for new ways of raising revenue. The Duke of Bedford at Woburn in Bedfordshire, and Lord Montagu at Beaulieu in Hampshire were the first to open their doors to paying visitors. Encouraged by the response, they gradually added new attractions to encourage family outings.

At the time, fellow owners considered their activities vulgar but one by one they were forced by economic necessity to follow suit.

Today, about 1,300 owners of country houses belong to the Historic Houses Association, which lobbies for their interests and advises them on taxation and other matters. About 300 houses are opened regularly to the public and many others open occasionally or by appointment.

There is now concern over damage done by the feet of visitors and by the exposure of delicate fabrics to daylight. Curtains, carpets and tapestries which had survived in almost perfect condition since the 18th century are now in tatters.

The Newbury by-election

Voters try to find the invisible man

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JEAN Allsopp was feeling a trifle miffed as campaigning in the Newbury by-election came towards the end of the second week. Despite dashing downstairs as she heard the leaflet drop through her letterbox in Streatley, she was not quick enough to catch the canvasser for Julian Davidson, the Tory candidate who was charging down the road outside.

"It was amazing. I don't think I have ever seen anybody go so quickly," Mrs Allsopp said. Ray Crockford, a scaffolder with a grouch over the council tax, was also left floundering, despite being approached by one of Mr Davidson's canvassers. "I was speaking to him but he had to dash off when you people came."

"You people" was the media circus accompanying the fast-moving Mr Davidson on a canvass of the village on Wednesday. Mr Davidson said that many were too shy to face the cameras.

But after the near-misses in Streatley — where the candidate spoke to only a handful of voters, all true-blue Conservatives — the suspicion is growing that Central Office is playing a defensive game. His restrained canvassing could spare him embarrassing confrontations with disgruntled Tories, but it will not help him to overcome the handicap of being an outsider facing rivals with strong local connections.

☐ 1992 general election: J Chaplin (C) 37,135; D Rendel (Lib Dem) 24,778; R Hall (L) 3,962; J Wallis (Green) 539. Con majority 12,357.

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Cabinet at service for Chaplin

JOHN MAJOR joined cabinet colleagues and MPs yesterday at a memorial service for Judith Chaplin, the former MP for Newbury who had been a personal friend.

The prime minister read from the Bible during the service in St Margaret's Church, Westminster. Another of Mrs Chaplin's close friends, Gillian Shephard, employment secretary, read from the work of T.S. Eliot.

Mrs Chaplin, a former political adviser to Mr Major, died aged 53 in February from complications during a routine operation. Married and with two sons and two daughters, she played a leading role in the preparation of the Conservatives' 1992 election campaign and was widely tipped for ministerial office. She won her Newbury seat last year with a majority of 12,357.

Ill water company chief disappears

BY BILL FROST

POLICE yesterday mounted a search for Sir Roy Watts, the 67-year-old chairman of Thames Water, who has been missing since Tuesday.

Scotland Yard said Sir Roy, who is understood to be suffering from Parkinson's disease, was last seen by his driver who dropped him off at his flat in Battersea, south London, at 2pm on Tuesday.

Officers who searched the flat said that Sir Roy did not appear to have his medication, wallet or extra clothes with him when he disappeared. Sir Roy, who is balding with short grey hair, clean shaven and about 5ft 9in tall, is believed to have been wearing dark grey trousers and a cable-knit sweater when he went missing.

Police said that Sir Roy, married with a son and two daughters, had been depressed before he disappeared. Scotland Yard said that officers had found his wallet, with cash and credit cards, and a pair of glasses in his flat.

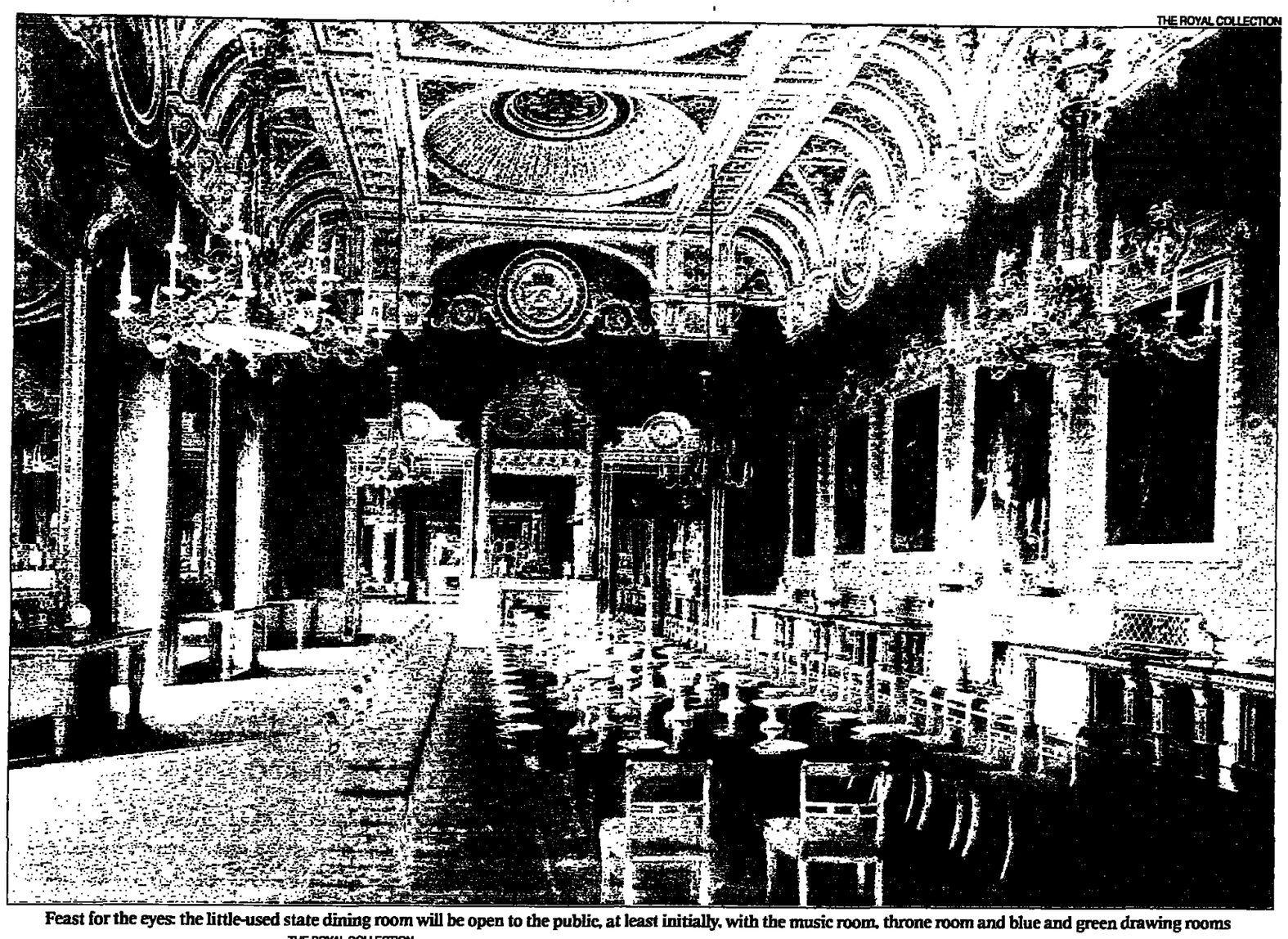
A Thames Water spokeswoman said that Sir Roy had been at work as normal before his disappearance and had been at his office in Cavendish Place in the West End before his driver took him home.


Sir Roy: extremely distressed at news

Sergeant Noel Craggs, the officer leading the hunt, said: "We believe Sir Roy was extremely distressed after hearing earlier this week that he was suffering from Parkinson's disease. He has none of his medication with him. If the effects of the disease take over he will become very distressed and confused."

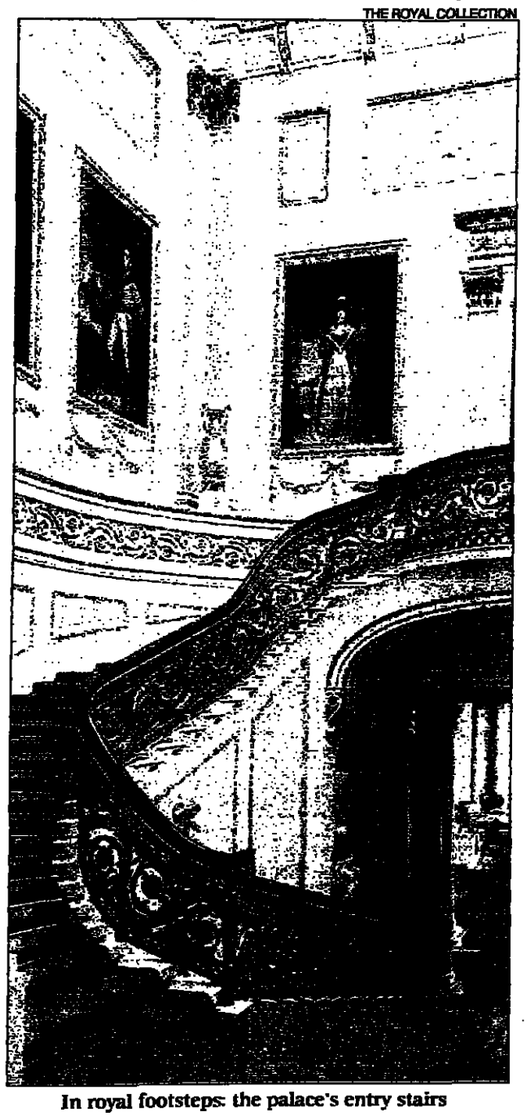
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Majesty allows public to peek through the palace keyhole in aid of repairs at Windsor



THE ROYAL COLLECTION

Feast for the eyes: the little-used state dining room will be open to the public, at least initially, with the music room, throne room and blue and green drawing rooms



THE ROYAL COLLECTION

In royal footsteps: the palace's entry stairs

Palace opened to pay for Windsor

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tion which receives no public funding.

At Windsor, where workmen have recently completed a temporary canopy over the fire-damaged area to protect it from the weather, work is about to begin on restoring the outer envelope of the buildings while the debate is still continuing about the best way to rebuild the apartments.

"Deciding on the form that the restoration should take is not easy in that there are quite strong views for a number of differing approaches," Lord Airlie said. "On the one hand, it may be thought that failing to restore all the rooms precisely as they were before the fire would be culturally irresponsible.

"On the other hand, the castle is a living and working building which has been developed and added to progressively over the centuries, and it may be thought that this opportunity to leave some late 20th century imprint in this part of the castle should not be foregone," he said.

Most of the damaged apartments would be restored to the condition they were in before the fire, either because they survived in part or because the furniture to which they were an essential setting was still intact. St George's Hall would be returned to its original state, as much of the wall panelling remained and a number of other elements had been rescued from the debris. It has still not been decided, however, whether the plaster ceiling should be returned to its previous condition. Some of the rooms that were destroyed completely may be rebuilt in contemporary style, particularly the private chapel, the adjacent Holbein and Stuart rooms, and the State and Octagon dining rooms.

"This would provide an opportunity for the best of contemporary design and craftsmanship," Lord Airlie said. A committee of experts, probably chaired by the Duke of Edinburgh, is to be formed to decide on the style, and an architectural competition for the interiors may be launched.

Lord St John of Fawsley, chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission, said yesterday: "I warmly welcome this brilliant, imaginative and socially concerned initiative by the Queen."

Ann Clwyd, the shadow national heritage secretary, described the proposals as "highly unsatisfactory" as the taxpayer would still pay for the work one way or another. It was, she said, a humiliating climbdown for Mr Brooke.

"Having told parliament that the taxpayer would come up with the estimated £40 million required to restore Windsor Castle, Mr Brooke quickly discovered that his government colleagues and the British public did not agree," she said. "Then the idea of setting up a trust fund failed since the public were only ready to pledge £25,000. This has forced him to announce an even greater dog's dinner of a scheme."

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Queen must not put her treasures back under wraps

By Richard Cork, Chief Fine Art Critic

THE dam has burst. At long last, a substantial number of the paintings and other works of art at Buckingham Palace will be revealed to the public. The eight-week opening period is all too brief, and will surely lead to appalling overcrowding as British taxpayers jostle with tourists to view the treasures. But throwing open the doors of Buckingham Palace doors is a momentous event and sets a precedent that should lead to the public display of more royal treasures in the years ahead.

What will the public see when they enter the picture gallery, where most of the Buckingham Palace paintings are hung? The quality of the pictures in this wide, top-lit room, which owes much of its present excellent condition to the improvements that were organised by Queen Mary several decades ago, is beyond dispute. They rank with the finest that are already on view at Hampton Court and Windsor Castle, and include some of the greatest names in the history of European painting. Vermeer, among the rarest of great masters, stands out with a cool, exquisitely subtle interior in which a man stands next to a woman by some virginals. George IV bought this superb picture at a time when Vermeer was forgotten, showing great prescience.



Dutch master: early Rembrandt painting

Other Dutch paintings in the picture gallery are equally impressive. Among the largest is a robust double portrait by Rembrandt, *The Shipbuilder and his Wife*. Painted at a time when the young Rembrandt was establishing his reputation in Amsterdam, it is filled with the assurance of an artist who knew his own worth. Its energy contrasts with the stillness of the seductive landscape by Cuyp, a painter whose idyllic vision of the countryside has always been admired by British collectors.

Rubens enjoyed an even closer relationship with this country. Three of his paintings hang at Buckingham Palace, and Charles I's wanted to employ him as his court painter. Frustrated in that ambition, the king settled instead for Rubens's precociously gifted pupil Van Dyck. Five of his paintings are displayed in the Picture Gallery, including some full-length portraits. They look particularly handsome in the tall, spacious proportions of the room. Visitors will also be to savour the astonishing collections of furniture and other *objet d'art* assembled by George IV. Almost as lavish a collector as the notorious spendthrift Charles I, he assembled the finest array of Sèvres porcelain in the world. Some of the best French furniture outside Versailles will be on display. *Mars and Venus*, by the great Italian carver Canova, shows that George IV did not neglect sculpture.

No lover of art will emerge disappointed from a tour of the Buckingham Palace collections. But the eight-week limit means that access will remain difficult. While welcoming this overdue initiative, I hope that the Queen will soon find ways of making her treasures available for far longer periods. The royal collection has remained hidden for too long.

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Admission charges for Buckingham Palace, at £8 for adults, £3.50 for under 17s and £5.50 for senior citizens, are comparable with popular tourist attractions.

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Victim died as husband flew home

By Richard Duce

DEBORAH Buxton, the victim of a knife-wielding attacker, met her death as her husband flew home from a business trip to celebrate their second wedding anniversary with a romantic dinner.

Police said yesterday that Mrs Buxton, 35, was stabbed up to a dozen times as she walked her Weimaraner gun dogs, Chips and Ralph, alongside the River Dove close to her home in Hatton, Derbyshire.

She had been stalked from behind and stabbed first in the back and then twice in the chest as she lay on the ground. Her two faithful dogs apparently did nothing to intervene during the attack at Marston on Dove on Tuesday evening.

Last night Derbyshire police were questioning a 27-year-old man about the murder. The murder weapon has still to be recovered.

Mrs Buxton's husband Ronald, 47, who is an internationally known book restorer, was yesterday being comforted by relatives at his detached cottage home.

Mr Buxton, who is Mrs Buxton's second husband, runs his own business, Particles Technology Limited, manufacturing chemicals for book restoration. He returned from a business trip from Paris to be told by police of his wife's murder. The couple had planned a meal at a local restaurant to celebrate their anniversary.

The river bank where Mrs Buxton died is a popular haunt for local people to take walks. Already villagers are talking of staying away while the killer is thought to be at large.

Pat Swift, who runs the Hatton post office and knew Mr Buxton, said: "Everyone around here is aware of the murder and shocked that it may happen again." Another villager said: "She was often seen out walking the dogs and it is strange that such big animals did nothing to help."

At the murder scene yesterday police were questioning drivers crossing the narrow river bridge. Mrs Buxton's body was discovered at 6.25pm by a man walking his dog.

Det Supt Ron McAllister, who is heading the 50-strong police investigation, said detectives still want information about a man seen riding a mountain bike in the area since last Friday. He is described as white, about 5ft 9in tall, with long shoulder length wavy dark hair. Mr McAllister said: "The man in custody has been arrested on suspicion of murder but we have not closed any lines of investigation. At this stage we are not saying this is the man that has done the murder."

He said Mr Buxton was in a "terrible state of shock. It was a very stable marriage and they obviously loved each other." Mr McAllister added: "We still have no real motive for this senseless murder. At the moment it appears to be killing for killing's sake."

Mrs Buxton's body was found fully clothed in her navy blue waxed waist coat, a red and white blouse, blue jeans, blue wellingtons and tan leather gloves. There was no evidence of a sexual attack or attempt to conceal her body. She had driven out to the river in her brown Range Rover.

Mr and Mrs Buxton met when Mrs Buxton went to work as a secretary at Particles Technology. They moved into their brick cottage around five years ago and later married.

Claire James, 19, a near neighbour said Mrs Buxton "was attractive and a lovely woman". Her dogs looked threatening but were merely boisterous.



Deborah Buxton pictured with her dogs recently

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Clarke to make unit fines fairer for middle-earners

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

■ Protests over huge differences in fines imposed for similar offences on different defendants have prompted a rethink

THE home secretary is to reform the system of income-related fines before the autumn after criticism from magistrates and Tory MPs that it is unfair to people on average earnings.

But Kenneth Clarke, who meets magistrates' leaders on Tuesday to discuss their concern over the unit fines, will not scrap the system that came into operation almost six months ago. He supports the principle that fines be linked to an offender's disposable income, and has told colleagues that the system can be made to work in spite of the highly publicised anomalies.

Mr Clarke hopes to make the system fairer by narrowing the gap between the minimum and maximum amount of weekly disposable income used to calculate the penalty. At the moment the range is £4 to £100, which means that people with high disposable incomes can face fines twenty-five times greater than low earners who commit similar offences.

This contrasts with the council tax, under which those living in the most expensive property will have to pay only three times as much as those in the cheapest.

Two days ago, a businessman was fined £4,000 after admitting indecently assaulting a hotel chambermaid and a receptionist. Magistrates imposed the fine on Anthony Brewer, a company director from Bromsgrove, Hereford and Worcester, after calculating that he could afford to pay the maximum penalty of £100 multiplied by 20 units for the seriousness of the offence. The Equal Opportunities Commission said the case should encourage more victims of harassment to go to court.



Clarke: system can be made to work

Under the unit fines system, the seriousness of an offence is assessed in units on a scale from one to fifty. Magistrates then assess a defendant's disposable income on the scale from £4 to a ceiling, however large the income, of £100 a week. The number of units is multiplied by the disposable income to give the figure for the total fine.

Home Office officials are looking at how to change details of the system without the need for primary legislation in Parliament.

☐ The government is divided over a call by the Director of Public Prosecutions for defendants' right to choose trial by jury to be abandoned in an effort to save money and court time.

Mr Clarke is strongly opposed to a proposal from Barbara Mills QC, the DPP, that the prosecution or magistrates should decide whether a defendant goes for jury trial, even though the suggestion has the support of the government's law officers.

Senior Tories are concerned about the waste of money and time involved in "cracked trials", cases where a defendant elects jury trial but then changes to a plea of guilty. But the government is unwilling to try to change the system because it is working on a far-reaching legislative programme, including an overhaul of the police service and measures to combat persistent juvenile offenders, and has only a small majority in the Commons.

The move would be strongly opposed by civil liberties groups and members of the Bar and the Law Society, and there would be serious reservations among sections of the Conservative party.

CHRIS BALCOMBE



Discrimination claim: Narissa Jones at the industrial tribunal yesterday

Wren 'told to give up her baby'

A PREGNANT Wren was discharged from the Royal Navy because she refused to agree to give up her child, she told an industrial tribunal in Southampton yesterday.

Narissa Jones, 26, of Hilsea, Portsmouth, Hampshire, said she was told by the principal medical officer at HMS *Driad*, her shore base, that she would have to sign over the guardianship of her child to a relative because she was liable to be sent to sea.

Mrs Jones, whose husband Alan is stationed with the Royal Navy in Bosnia and who is claiming sexual discrimination, said that shortly afterwards she was removed from a radar course at HMS *Driad* and told that because of her pregnancy she would be discharged.

Lt Cmdr Dorothy Reid said Mrs Jones was told she did not need a legal guardian for the baby if she wanted to stay in the Navy but that she would be liable for sea service.

The Surgeon Commander at HMS *Driad*, Dr William Bissett, denied telling Mrs Jones that she needed to sign over guardianship.

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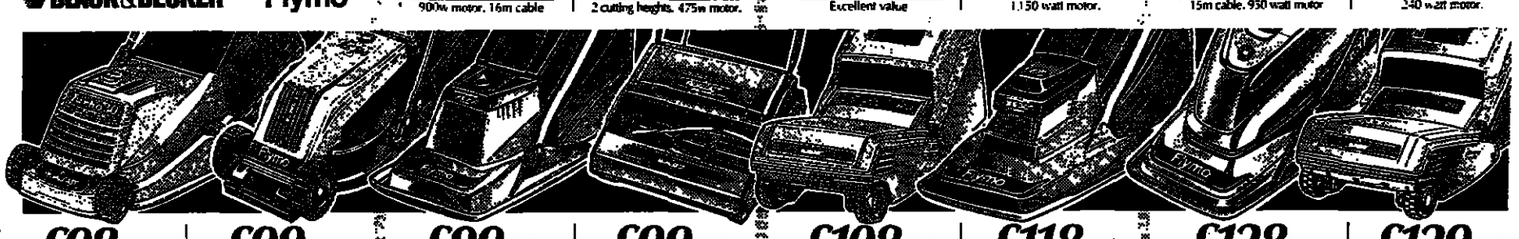
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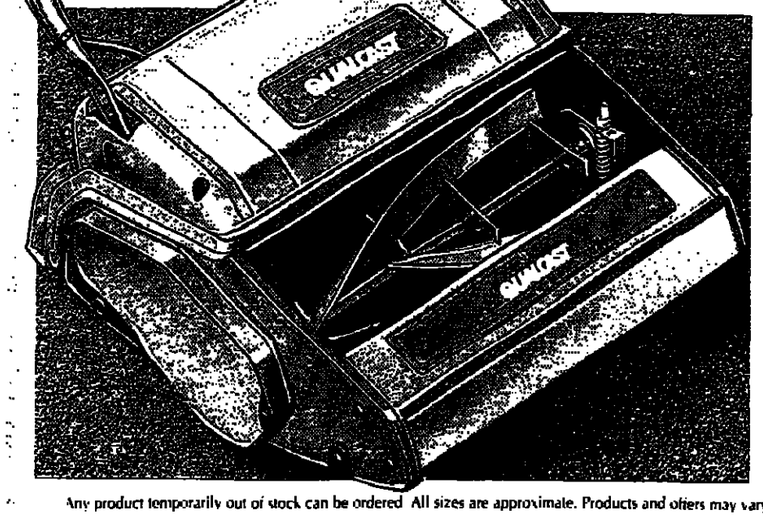
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Bombed City area closed for months

The weekend bombing in Bishopsgate will leave part of the City of London closed for up to two months as workmen clear away wreckage and make buildings safe, officials said yesterday.

Workmen sealed off four roads leading into a 21-acre area round the centre of the explosion, which includes bank and insurance buildings. Ninety companies were affected by the blast and the restrictions will mean that about 1,000 staff remain displaced.

Colin Snowden, the City engineer, said he expected two of 157 damaged buildings might need demolition — St Ethelburga's church and Kansallis House next to it. So far, about 500 tons of glass and other wreckage had been removed from the streets in the area affected by the blast, which originally covered 192 acres. He said refurbishing the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank could take years.

Human torch protest

A man set himself alight outside the Houses of Parliament yesterday and told rescuers that he did it for the children of Bosnia. The man, aged about 30, doused himself in petrol at 4pm. As ambulance crews tried to save him, the man, who was still conscious, kept repeating: "We have got to help the children of Bosnia, we have got to help the Bosnian appeal." He was flown to hospital with burns to 80 per cent of his body. London Ambulance Service said: "His injuries were horrific. He was fully conscious and lucid and must have been in absolute agony before we anaesthetised him."

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Soldiers in US crash

A British soldier was feared dead after a coach carrying an army rugby team crashed in America. Seventeen people were hurt in the accident on Interstate 85 yesterday. The team, from the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, based at Bulford, Wiltshire, were on their way to the US military rugby championships at Fort Benning, Georgia, this weekend. Police said it appeared that the driver, an American soldier, had fallen asleep and the coach hit the central reservation before overturning.

Lost bird calls home



Arthur Bendon and his budgerigar Pippy, right, were reunited yesterday after the lost bird squawked its name and address at the top of its voice. It had flown away from Mr Bendon's home near Bristol after his wife opened the front door. It was seen in a tree half a mile away by Ruth Durbin, who heard it saying: "I live at No 7 Strawberry Close, Nailsea, got that?"

Staff 'treated as slaves'

Thousands of foreign workers in Britain are being treated as slaves and forced to endure physical and sexual abuse, according to *Britain's Secret Slaves*, a report launched yesterday by Anti-Slavery International. It found that a third of the domestic workers interviewed had been subjected to physical abuse and two thirds were denied regular food. Domestic staff from overseas are not given work permits and can stay in Britain only if they remain with the employer who originally brought them here.

£30m overpaid in dole

Thirty million pounds was last year paid out to people claiming unemployment benefit who did not qualify for it, according to a report by the National Audit Office, the independent public spending watchdog. The NAO said that most overpayments were due to misinterpretation of claimants' national insurance contributions.

RSPCA withdraws help

The RSPCA will no longer supply inspectors to support prosecutions under the Dangerous Dogs Act. The announcement reflects the society's dissatisfaction with the act, under which all pit bull terriers not registered by their owners face an automatic death penalty, and the Home Office's "refusal to address the flaws in the act".

Jail rioter recaptured

A Strangeways prison rioter on the run since December has been recaptured. David Bowen, 29, was given a nine-year jail sentence in his absence for his part in the riots in April 1990. He escaped with another man from a prison van taking them to trial at Manchester Crown Court. He was arrested in Manchester on Wednesday night.

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Redundancies and salary cuts expected as once-respected paper is saved from extinction

Observer's staff hail late U-turn

BY JAMIE DETTMER AND MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE WINNERS

JOURNALISTS at the *Observer* had never regarded Tiny Rowland as a saint. But yesterday they canonised the tough-minded joint chief executive of Lonrho, who they believe changed his mind at the last minute to accept *The Guardian's* offer for the newspaper rather than *The Independent's*.

In the newsroom of the *Observer's* building by the Thames, relief was plain to see. If the diminutive and mercurial Mr Rowland had sauntered into the office, he would no doubt have been showered with the champagne that Simon Hoggart, the political editor, had produced to celebrate.

"We can't quite believe it," said Rebecca Nicolson, the features editor. "Ecstatic would be the best way of describing the reaction when Donald [Trelford, the paper's editor] announced that *The Guardian's* offer had been accepted." In fact, *Observer* staff had an inkling before the official announcement that Andreas Whittam Smith and *The Independent* had lost the race. David Rose, the *Observer's* home affairs correspondent, had picked up the news early yesterday and was not slow in spreading it.

Much of the initial celebratory reaction was mixed with mirth that Mr Whittam Smith, whose self-styled mission when he founded *The Independent* was to eschew the ways of the press baron by furthering diversity, had lost out. "It's a great day for British journalism," said Paul Routledge, the *Observer's* political correspondent. "We'll be going for an early lunch."

Copies of *Paper Dreams* by Stephen Glover, a co-founder of *The Independent*, which gives an insider's look at Mr Whittam Smith and which littered virtually every desk in the *Observer*, were pushed aside by happy journalists as they discussed the future. But later, wiser heads recalled a jocular comment by Peter Preston, editor of *The Guardian*, about what he would do if he bought the *Observer*: "I'll keep Alan Watkins [the veteran political columnist] but sack the rest."

Journalists at *The Guardian* greeted the news with enthusiasm. "This is the paper's natural home," said one. "None of us really knows what has been going on behind the scenes, but its acquisition can only strengthen *The Guardian*."

There was a slight concern that the daily paper might have to tighten its belt to help pay for the Sunday title until its financial fortunes improve.

Meanwhile, in City Road journalists from *The Independent* were less happy. But every cloud has a silver lining and one senior *Independent* journalist said: "I'm not sure we all wanted to wield the axe. *Observer* staff are gentlemen rather than players and there was a lot of dead wood to be cut out. Whether *The Guardian* will have the managerial bottle to do that job we shall have to wait and see."

Deal agreed, page 1

MICHAEL POWELL



Hallelujah: Peter Beaumont, the *Observer* religious affairs correspondent, celebrates the good news

Deal unites natural political partners

BY BRIAN MACARTHUR

NEWSPAPERS are always the deadliest rivals but there is a strong streak of sentimentality among journalists. So there will be widespread relief in Fleet Street that the *Observer*, a paper which now inspires more respect for its past than its present, has been saved from extinction.

The Guardian, which was thanked yesterday by Lonrho for its straightforward negotiation, will also be seen politically as a more appropriate owner of the *Observer* than *The Independent* if its radical tradition is to be revived.

Even on Wednesday, *The Independent* thought it had negotiated a deal with Lonrho. One reason for negotiations breaking down may have been that *The Independent* was offering Lonrho only non-voting shares. Nor can any director of *The Independent* be over 70, which would have ruled out Tiny Rowland, Lonrho's chairman.

Over the past few years, *The Guardian* has shown that a paper of the left can succeed editorially and commercially. Even though it still makes a loss and is buttressed by the *Manchester Evening News* and *Autotrader*, it has outperformed it rivals in sales and in attracting niche advertising.

The Guardian and the *Observer* are a natural match for their readers. According to research by MORI, 39 per cent of *Guardian* readers read the *Observer* and 42 per cent of *Observer* readers read *The Guardian*. Both papers have high percentages of readers who vote Labour — 68 per cent for *The Guardian* and 57 per cent for the *Observer*.

For Peter Preston, editor of *The Guardian*, yesterday's triumph will be especially sweet. Sales peaked in 1986, the year *The Independent* was launched, at 510,000. Over the following four years, as sales of *The Independent* rose to more than 400,000, *The Guardian's* sale fell by 90,000.

THE GUARDIAN

The threat from *The Independent* was the reason *The Guardian* invested in the *Sunday Correspondent* when *The Independent on Sunday* was launched in 1990. On that occasion *The Independent* was the victor, at least on Sundays — but on weekdays since then *The Guardian's* lead over *The Independent* has widened from 14,000 to more than 60,000.

Once the £27 million deal to buy the title is concluded, Donald Trelford will step down as editor and chief executive of the *Observer* to be succeeded by Jonathan Fenby, one of the founders of *The Independent*, who is *The Guardian's* deputy editor. The *Observer's* magazine is likely to close, there will be significant redundancies, and some star writers will be asked to cut their salaries.

Takeover will end Trelford's reign

BY NIGEL HAWKES

THE EDITOR

DONALD Trelford, editor of the *Observer* since 1976, has outlasted three owners of the paper and developed a talent for moving fast and thinking on his feet. The assumption yesterday was, however, that new ownership would spell the end of his editorship.

The career of Mr Trelford, a keen sports fan, can be divided into two halves. Until 1984 he was seen as a dogged defender of a paper which he had always revered. But after a tense stand-off that year with Tiny Rowland, the paper's proprietor, who feared his business interests in Zimbabwe would be damaged by articles Mr Trelford had written about massacres in Matabeleland, his attitude changed.

At one point, to break an impasse in which Mr Rowland had threatened to close the paper, the editor offered his resignation. It was refused; Mr Rowland, shifting instantly from threats to emollient praise, made it up, and from that moment Mr Trelford was never quite his own man again. He struck a Faustian bargain in which he exchanged his independence for continued editorship.

Mr Trelford began his career on the *Coventry Standard* in 1960. He quickly became an editor of *The Times of Malawi* and also wrote for the *Observer* from Africa. He joined the staff in 1966. Mr Trelford impressed the then-editor, David Astor, as a newspaper professional in a paper where such people were in a minority.

His greatest gifts as a newspaperman were reacting calmly in a crisis and remaking the paper skilfully to accommodate a breaking story. These are no mean talents, but the *Observer* is a newspaper of ideas or it is nothing. Mr Trelford's failure was to supply the ideas needed to recruit a new generation of readers.



Trelford: told staff his paper had been saved

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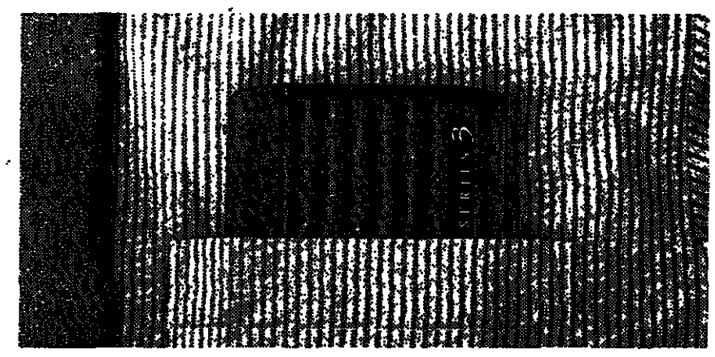


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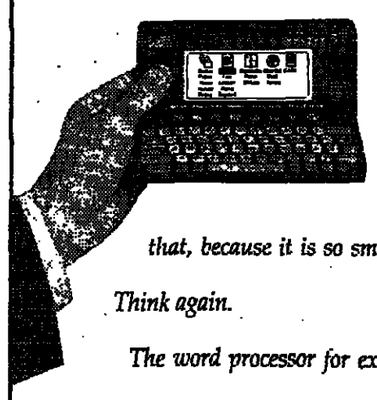
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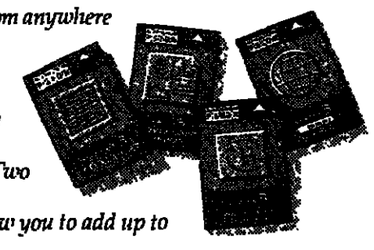
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Bishop insists tests must not dominate quality of schooling

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, says today that league tables in education should take second place to an emphasis on the quality of life and schooling.

Writing in the preface to the *Church Schools and Colleges Handbook*, Dr Habgood says: "A society which cares only about success will give more value to league tables than to the zest for life and learning, which it ought to be the peculiar privilege of the young to contribute to older generations."

The comments appear on the day when the Association of Teachers and Lecturers declares the result of a ballot on national curriculum testing and assessment. The National Association of Schoolmasters/ Union of Women Teachers is already boycotting the tests, and the National Union of Teachers is holding a ballot.

Dr Habgood, who believes church schools lie at the heart of the education debate, describes the conflicting aims of the curriculum. As governing bodies struggle to balance the books, he says, "education then becomes a form of competition in which cost-effectiveness is the ruling principle".

The different aims are not necessarily incompatible, but cannot be understood outside the context in which policy is decided, he says, and he calls for a new sense that "there are excellences worth striving for in our educational system".

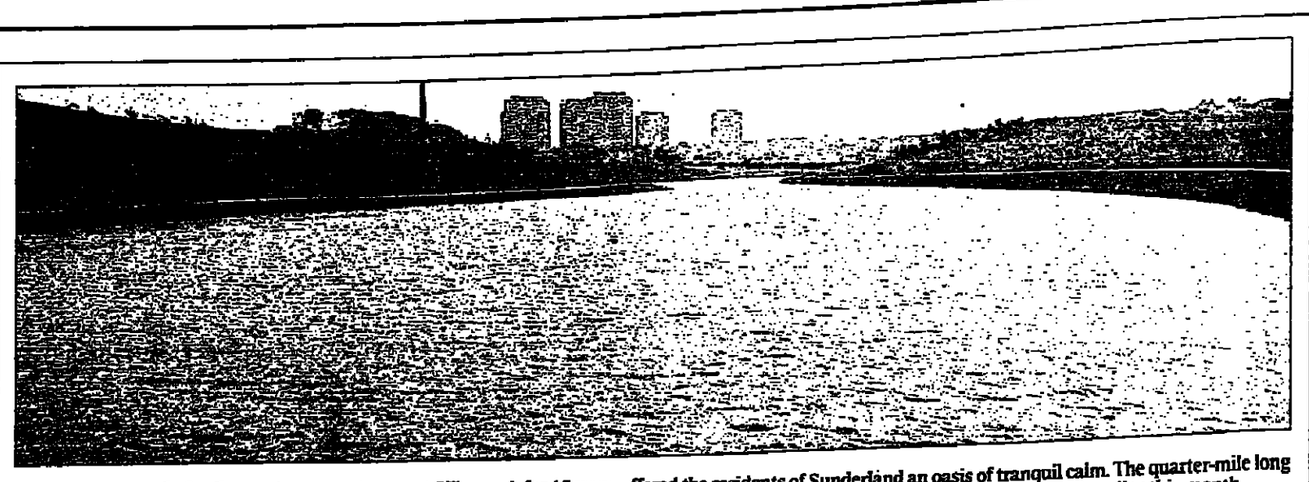
To believe in distinctions between good and bad is not necessarily elitist. "One of the most serious effects of confused thinking about supposed elitism is to deprive many people of the opportunity to appreciate the best."

Addressing the debate over religious education, Dr Habgood says Christians and church schools should stop thinking of themselves as a minority in a society where 70 per cent of people believe in God. But children should be given an unapologetic grounding in their own cultures and religions before they are exposed to pluralism.

"The stage of critical understanding requires maturity. If it comes too soon, the child is exposed to a bewilderingly complex world before it has time to establish its own personal and social identity."

☐ The Salvation Army yesterday announced the election of a new world leader, Commissioner Bramwell Tillsley, who will be responsible for its work in 95 countries when he succeeds General Eva Burrows in July.

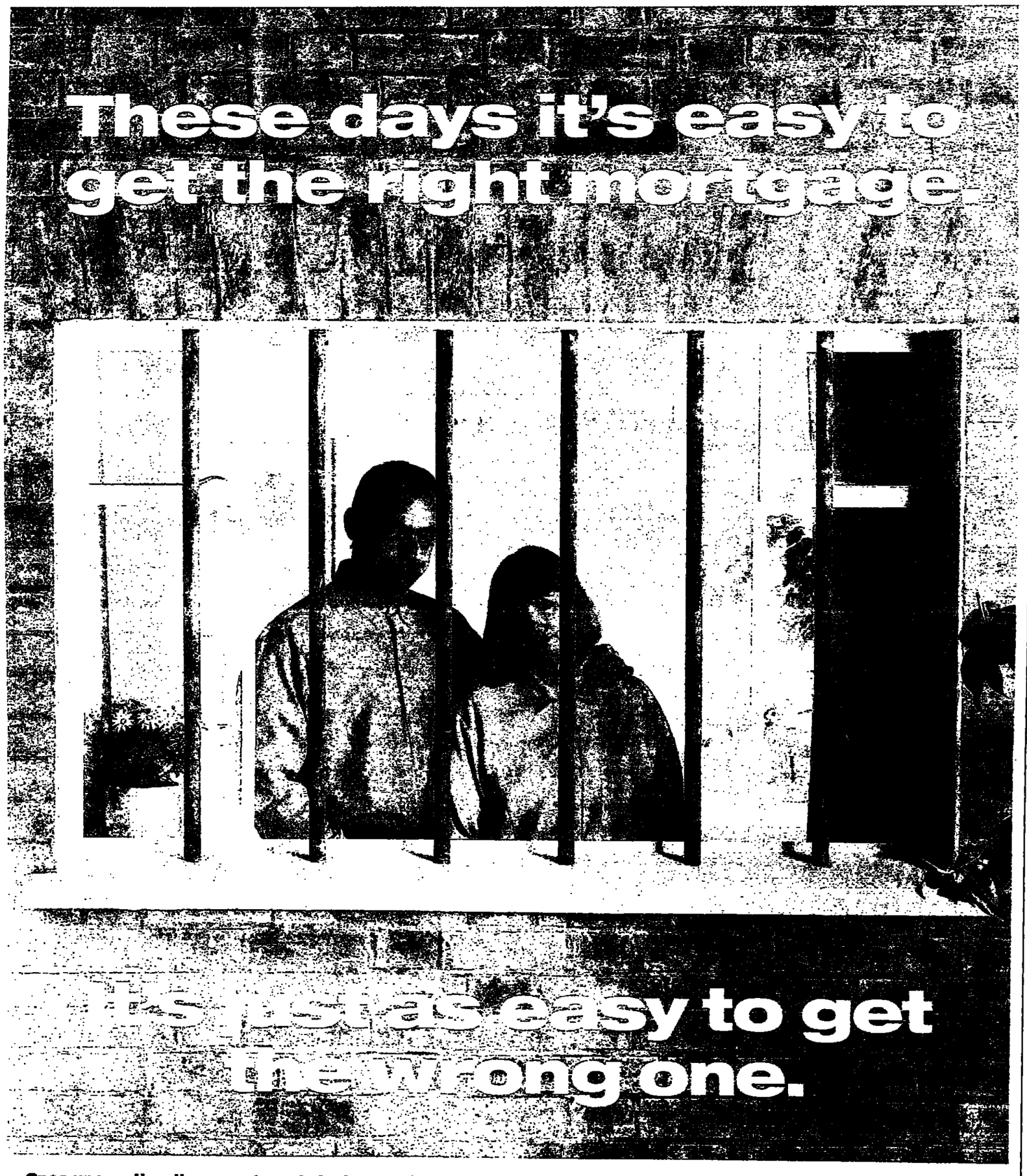
Mr Tillsley, 61, named after William Bramwell Booth, son of the founder and second leader of the army, promised to be outspoken on national, political and social issues. He has served the army in Canada and Australia. "There is a crying need in our world for men and women of integrity, people who will act on principle," he said yesterday.



Flowing high A man-made lake at Silksworth for 15 years offered the residents of Sunderland an oasis of tranquil calm. The quarter-mile long expanse was enjoyed by water sports enthusiasts and wildlife alike. That, at least, was the case, until earlier this month . . .



Low and dry Heavy rain over Easter is being blamed for opening up a crack in the base of the lake through which five million gallons of water have vanished. The city council believes the water may have poured into a disused mine shaft. British Coal is investigating.



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Golfers fall foul of drive to save the environment

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

GOLFERS of the world were urged to lay down their clubs yesterday and consider for 24 hours the damage they can wreak on the landscape and culture in their pursuit of the addictive sport.

The Global Anti-Golf Movement was launched by 20 groups from Hong Kong, Hawaii, Japan, India, Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines and Malaysia at the first international conference on dangers posed by the soaring popularity of golf.

Delegates at the three-day conference, held on Penang island, Malaysia, declared April 29 to be World No Golf Day and hoped to attract the support of 1,000 environmental pressure groups.

Neil Sinden, planning officer of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, said: "We have been in contact with those behind the movement and sympathise with their aims. In this country, the traditional coastal links course was an outgrowth of the local terrain, but much modern golf architecture creates artificial parkland landscapes that are intrusive and alien."

The movement will campaign for a halt to construction of new golf courses and a ban on "golf tourism" advertisements, and will also urge countries such as Japan and Australia to stop development aid to Asian governments being used to promote golf.

There are estimated to be 24,000 golf courses around the world and tens of millions of players. Although the highest proportion of courses is in Western countries and Japan, golf course construction is booming in Asia.

The demand for new courses is blamed not only for destroying forests and wetlands, but for depleting natural resources and even uprooting communities. Soldiers were needed to evict 1,000 families for the construction of a golf and country club in the Philippines, and developers of a golf resort on a marine nature reserve in Malaysia are planning to evict 1,000 fishermen deemed to be "unsightly" for tourists.

Irrigating the greens of an 18-hole course in Thailand is estimated to use as much water each day as a village of 1,200 people. Fertilisers and chemicals used to harden the soil beneath fairways are said to be polluting rivers.

Golf course building is also blamed for increasing land prices and promoting social evils. Nearly all Asian caddies are women and they are often expected to offer "extra services" after the game.

The anti-golf movement began in Japan where 20 million golfers, ten times the number in Britain, compete for access to 1,850 courses: there are about 2,000 courses in England and Scotland.

By the end of the year there are likely to be 160 golf courses in operation in Thailand, more than double the number two years ago. Many Thai politicians and military and police officers are said to have a financial stake in them.

Down clubs? You've got to be joking!

BY JOHN YOUNG

WORLD No Golf Day found few supporters yesterday among the players on the public course in Richmond Park, southwest London. On such a beautiful spring morning, and in such verdant surroundings, exhortations to down clubs seemed a poor joke.

Which is what Trevor Banes, an airline employee from Drumkeerin in the Irish Republic, thought it was. "A golf course means that the land is left open," he pointed out. "Otherwise it would just be concreted over."

His partner, John Potter, who owns a printing business in Brentford, west London, agreed. He said land now occupied by golf courses would, in many cases, have long since been built over. He added: "But now we have farmers queuing up to develop new courses on their land. I heard there were about 400 applications in the pipeline, and I think that's probably going too far."

Michael Egan, a retired electrician from Tolworth, southwest London, agreed new courses were needed, provided they were not built simply to line the pockets of developers. "Public courses like this were built for working people who could not afford high club subscriptions."

"Fascinating," said Richard Williams, of Pimlico, central London, when told it was No Golf Day. "I've never heard of such a thing. We're not building new courses as fast as they are on the Continent, but then I suppose we had more to start with. The thing about a golf course is that the land can always be turned back to something else."

His father Fred said that campaigners "must be a bunch of madmen" if they thought people might voluntarily give up golf on a day like yesterday. He added: "I might feel a bit differently after I've hit my first shot off the tee, but certainly not at the moment."



Green tee: driving off in Richmond Park

Lloyd's gambles all after centuries of risk-taking

By Alan Hamilton

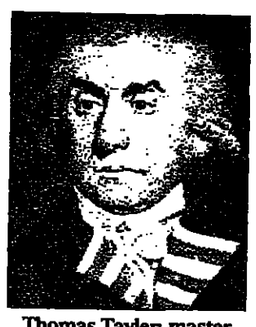
■ The upheaval announced yesterday by Lloyd's is the biggest in 300 years of courting misfortune and controversy

TO ARCHBISHOP Laud we owe the introduction of coffee, and to the Dutch who migrated with William of Orange we owe the modern notion of insurance. Edward Lloyd, a City victualler, combined the two to create, more or less unwittingly, what became the world's leading insurance market.

Lloyd opened his coffee house, one of many hundreds in the City, in Tower Street in 1688 at a time when it was the height of fashion to consume "a drink of soote colour dryed in a furnace and that they drink as hot as can be endured". Lloyd's brew was clearly a gold blend, as his shop was patronised by merchants and bankers and rapidly acquired a name as the most likely place to find underwriters for marine insurance.

Sensing a business opportunity, Lloyd began to service his customers with more than coffee. From docksides and other sources he gathered unusually reliable shipping information which he would trade with his clientele, who clearly spent many hours of desultory idleness in the coffee shops. But at least their idleness was relatively clear-headed compared with that passed in City alehouses.

Insurance is almost as old as history. So-called "bottomry" contracts were known to the merchants of Babylon in 4,000 BC; shippers took out loans with the provision that if the shipment were lost the loan need not be repaid, the insurance risk being covered by the interest. Marine insurance probably first came to England with the Lombards in the 16th century.



Thomas Tayler: master of Lloyd's 1774-96

The growth of insurance in England after the Great Fire of London and the South Sea Bubble threw up many a fly-by-night office, but Lloyd's trustworthy shipping information established his premises as a place of sound dealing. But for all its reputation, Lloyd's coffee house could not keep out the shysters and gamblers offering the kind of insurance, or even straightforward wagers, that not even a present-day bookmaker would touch. They would make a book on how long the king would live, or whether such-and-such a highwayman would be caught and hanged.

In 1769, many of the coffee house's more reputable members decided to break away and conduct their business at the New Lloyd's Coffee House in Pope's Head Alley, forming themselves into a properly constituted society from which the modern business evolved.

Even in the earliest days, the underwriters who patronised Lloyd's were no strangers to misfortune. In 1692, 19 of them went bust, thanks to the French who insisted on sinking merchant ships they had insured. One of them was a young commodity merchant, Daniel Defoe, who failed with debts of £17,000 — worth about £500,000 in today's money. He spent his time in Newgate debtors' prison creating the adventures of Moll Flanders and then *Robinson Crusoe*, eventually making much more than he ever did from insurance.

"No man has tasted differing fortunes more, and 13 times I have been rich and poor," Defoe wrote. For present-day names facing financial ruin, once rich and poor is more than enough.

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Dealing room: an 18th century drawing of Lloyd's coffee house, patronised by shysters and underwriters

NEWS IN BRIEF

Veterans see off kamikaze

Second world war veterans have scored a victory in their campaign against a poster advertisement for Skol lager which shows a Japanese kamikaze pilot saying: "I'll have one when I get back."

Alf Hunt, chairman of the Birmingham branch of the Far East Prisoners of War Association, said the poster was misguided. Another veteran said there was "nothing funny" about kamikaze pilots.

Allied-Lyons Retailing said the company was sorry if it had offended anyone and did not plan to use the advertisement again.

Romsey fund

Lord and Lady Romsey launched a £60,000 cancer research fellowship at Southampton General Hospital in memory of their daughter Leonora, who died of the disease aged five.

Crash crawl

Michael Floyd, 25, from Middlesbrough, Cleveland, crawled 500 yards for help after losing a leg in a motorcycle crash. He and his passenger Paul Jack, 22, were "satisfactory" in hospital.

Left luggage

Police halted traffic on the M1 in Nottinghamshire to help Australian tourists Spencer and Audrey Wright to rescue luggage that fell off a roof rack in pouring rain.

Animal magic

Gatwick zoo at Charlwood, Surrey, is to let children in free if they are accompanied by a ladybird. The zoo is suffering from a greenfly epidemic in the butterfly house.

Authors call for GBS enquiry

By Alison Roberts
Arts Reporter

THE Writers' Guild of Great Britain is calling for a parliamentary enquiry into whether royalties left to the British Museum by George Bernard Shaw have been spent in accordance with his wishes.

The museum has received millions of pounds from the Shaw bequest, which was made as a gesture of thanks for the long hours the playwright spent in the Reading Room. But scholars are concerned that the money has not been spent on library facilities, as Shaw wanted, and have urged the museum to give the money to the British Library, which was established 23 years after GBS's death and now has responsibility for the Reading Room.

Preview copies of a film made for Channel 4 about the so-called missing millions are being sent to all members of the parliamentary heritage committee at the request of its chairman, the Labour MP Gerald Kaufman. The Writers' Guild wants the committee to set up an enquiry.

The film, part of the *Without Walls* series, will be shown on Tuesday. It stars Sir Ian McKellen as GBS returning to London to find out how his bequest has been spent.

The British Museum said it had been aware of scholars' concern for a long time and had given grants to the British Library at its request. But it refused to release financial details and said the bequest was an internal matter.

The three beneficiaries of the royalties money, the British Museum, the National Gallery of Ireland and the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, have received £9 million since 1950 — worth almost £40 million today.

CHAMPIONSHIP CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

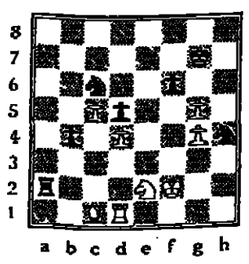
Today, as a foretaste of The Times Chess Championship later this year, I begin a Collector's Item series of all the previous games between Nigel Short and Garry Kasparov, including some rare and little-known encounters. Their overall score to date, is heavily in Kasparov's favour - he has amassed 17 wins, 4 draws and only 5 defeats from their 26 games. I kick off with their first meeting, when they were both juniors.

White: Nigel Short
Black: Garry Kasparov
World Junior Championship, Dortmund 1980

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23	Nf4	Rf7
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Tories fail to benefit from new economic optimism

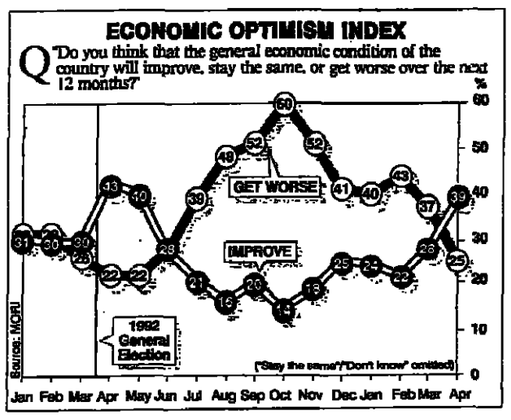
BY PETER RIDDELL
POLITICAL EDITOR

PUBLIC hopes of an economic upturn recovered last month to the highest level for nearly a year amid growing evidence that the recession is over and recovery is under way.

This shift in optimism has not so far affected the standing of the Tories, according to the latest Market & Opinion Research International monthly poll for *The Times*. Labour has retained its large lead and the Lib Dems have advanced for the third month running.

The net optimism index, which measures the number thinking the general economic condition will improve in the next 12 months minus those thinking it will worsen, stands at plus 14 points. This compares with minus nine points at the end of March and is the first positive rating since May last year. The shift of net 23 points during April is the largest in a month since March 1991 when there was a deterioration of 26 points.

The improvement in optimism is spread evenly between men and women, though is most marked among 35- to 54-year-olds (where the net optimism index has risen by 27 points), among C2 skilled workers (up 31 points), in the Midlands and Wales (up 27 points) and in southern England (up 35 points).



The improvement in general economic optimism is matched by a small drop from 78 to 73 per cent in the proportion saying unemployment is among the most important issues. The number mentioning the economy has risen by three points to 36 per cent. In the past, positive ratings in the economic optimism index have been associated with an improvement in the opinion polls for the government of the day.

A parallel change in voting intentions has not yet occurred. The Tory rating is unchanged over the past month at its post-election low of 32 per cent. This compares with 46 per cent for Labour, down one point, and 20 per cent for the Lib Dems, up three points. Small improvements in Tory support among 18- to 34-year-olds, skilled workers, trade unionists and in the Midlands and south have been offset by declining support among those over 55, the professional middle classes and council tenants.

The biggest impact has been in the attitude of Tory supporters. For the past few months more Tory supporters have been dissatisfied with the way the government is running the country than have been satisfied; by a margin of 16 points at the end of March. There is an even balance. The rating of the government among the electorate as a whole remains heavily negative, at minus 59 points, compared with minus 68 points at the end of March.

There has been little change in the public's attitudes towards John Major. The index of those satisfied less dissatisfied moved from minus 41 to minus 37 points and there has been a small rise in his favourable rating among Tory supporters. John Smith's overall rating has shown even less change, at plus one points. Among Labour supporters it is positive by a margin of more than two-to-one.

Paddy Ashdown still enjoys the most positive rating, at plus 15 points.



Something to celebrate: Paddy Ashdown's Liberal Democrats register their highest rating since 1987

Liberal Democrat hopes for council elections boosted

BY PETER RIDDELL

SUPPORT for the Liberal Democrats has risen to the highest level since the general election in June 1987, with a strong showing in the shire counties which will hold local elections next Thursday. The latest MORI poll for *The Times* puts the Liberal Democrats on 20 per cent, up three points over the past month, with above-average gains among skilled workers and in the Midlands and Wales.

This rating is the highest for the party or its predecessors for nearly six years and compares with a low point of 7 per cent for the party and the former independent SDP combined in the summer of 1989. The improvement has occurred at a much earlier stage of the parliament than after previous elections. For instance, it was not until 1990-1 that support for the Liberal Democrats began to pick up.

The Liberal Democrats are stronger in the shire counties — roughly three-fifths of the country — than in London and the largely urban metropolitan districts of the Midlands and the north, which will not be voting this year.

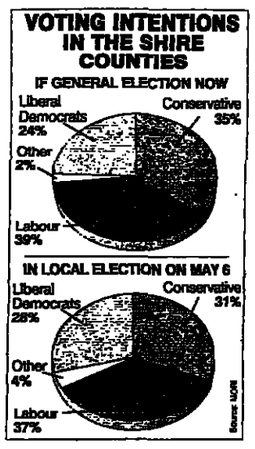
A special question asked this month just in areas voting on May 6 about intentions in council elections puts Liberal Democrat support at 28 per cent, up six points compared with a similar poll in 1989 when these county seats were last contested. That may overstate the underlying improvement, since 1989 was the low point in Liberal Democrat fortunes following the row over the merger. The latest poll puts support for the Tories in the shire county elections at 31 per cent, against 40 per cent in a similar poll four years ago, and support for Labour at 37 per cent, against 35 per cent in 1989.

The figures cannot easily be translated into results, in part because of variations in turnout. Of those living in areas with elections on May 6, some 43 per cent say they are certain to vote, and 22 per cent are fairly certain. The comparable figures in 1989 were 48 and 24 per cent respectively. The turnout in May 1989 was 39 per cent in England and 44 per cent in Wales.

Independents also do well in county elections, especially in rural areas and in Wales, but their support does not fully register in polls. In 1989 independent candidates won 9 per cent, compared with 4 per cent previously shown in the polls. In three out of four local elections the Lib Dems perform better than their showing in the polls, though this applies more when their ratings are low.

The shire counties match the rest of the country almost exactly in the balance of sexes and ages. The main difference is that the shire counties are more rural than the country as a whole. A third of the shire counties are classified as urban, compared with more than a half of the whole country.

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CD enquiry ends in Commons clash

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

MUSIC industry executives accused MPs of McCarthyism yesterday after a session of the national heritage committee boiled over into a row between its music-loving chairman, Gerald Kaufman, and leading recording companies.

Members of the committee, which is investigating the pricing of compact discs, exchanged insults with representatives of PolyGram, the UK's largest music group, with Mr Kaufman repeatedly accusing the company of "ripping off" consumers by charging excessive prices.

Maurice Oberstein, chairman of the British Phonographic Industry and executive vice-president of Polygram International, rejected the allegations as "absolute nonsense". After the meeting he said Mr Kaufman's claim that CD prices in the UK were unreasonably higher than those in America was based on no more than "a junket by MPs to New York".

John Gorst, the Conservative MP for Henson North, demanded an early end to the witness session with PolyGram executives because their answers to questions had been alternately "irrelevant, evasive and altogether not helpful".

At times the session degenerated into farce with shouts of "disgraceful" and witnesses calling out their parting shots as they left the room.

John Preston, the chairman of BMG, Britain's fourth biggest music group, said after the session that there had been "little difference in degree" between the deliberations of the committee and the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities at which Senator Joe McCarthy pursued his witch-hunt against communists in the 1950s.

The committee, which held its last hearing on CD pricing yesterday, is expected to publish its report before the end of May. It may be pre-empted by the Office of Fair Trading, which is to announce in the next few weeks whether it is to recommend a full monopolies commission report into the industry. Sir Bryan Carsberg, the Director General of Fair Trading, told the committee he was "concerned" about the state of competition between CD producers and hinted at evidence of "a complex monopoly".



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'No one has a monopoly on evil. This is not a war between saints and heroes'

Hurd rules out use of troops in Bosnia conflict

BY OUR POLITICAL STAFF

DOUGLAS Hurd last night delivered a passionate rejection of calls to send ground forces to Bosnia-Herzegovina and lift the arms embargo against the warring factions.

Warning MPs that "anger and horror" were not the basis for armed intervention by ground troops, the foreign secretary accepted that air strikes remained a possible option. His support for air attacks was echoed by Dr Jack Cunningham, Labour's shadow foreign secretary, although he said there were "no risk-free options".

Although Mr Hurd squarely blamed Serbs for their aggression, he said that no one involved in the civil war had "a monopoly of evil. This is not a war between saints and heroes."

As he mapped out the options for ending the "swirling violence" which threatened to extend beyond the former Yugoslavia, Mr Hurd said that none of them could be wholly effective. But he categorically ruled out the case for intervention by troops. "Military conquest in Bosnia cannot achieve gains which are accepted. It is not enough to fly flags above ruined towns and villages. It is not enough to make a desert and call it peace. There is no future for Bosnian Serbs or anyone else down that path. The only alternative to a real negotiated solution is indefinite fighting and suffering." Mr Hurd told a hushed chamber that persuasion had to be matched by pressure. The rigorous implementation of sanctions would have an important impact on bringing the fighting to an end.

> 'It is not enough to fly flags above ruined towns and villages. It is not enough to make a desert and call it peace'

The sanctions had pinned down the Serbs and limited their options, creating economic problems, soaring inflation, unemployment and shortages. There were signs that, because of sanctions, Serbian leaders in Belgrade were becoming increasingly impatient with the Bosnian Serbs. "We have to sustain and increase the pressure on the Bosnian Serbs and Belgrade."

Mr Hurd echoed the words of Sir Richard Vincent, chairman of Nato's military committee, in demanding that objectives had to be set before any action was taken. "The worst of all worlds would be half measures in Bosnia which salved consciences without saving lives." Mr Hurd said to cheers from MPs on both side of the chamber. However, he insisted: "We cannot refuse to look at all ideas for a way forward. The suffering is too great, and the glimmers of hope too dim for us not to retain an open mind."

The objectives included ensuring that a political solution remained possible, relieving suffering, preventing fighting from spreading and forcing the Serbs to abandon use of force. Mr Hurd said that the creation of safe areas in which UN humanitarian agencies could operate had proved successful as a calming influence but was limited by the number of available forces.

He vehemently stated the government's "deep reservations" over calls to lift the arms embargo. "We believe we should be in the business of trying to stop the war, not equipping the parties to fight it out." Although it would offer Bosnian Muslims the opportunity to protect themselves, the impact would be "neither quick nor decisive". "Violence would escalate and humanitarian relief operations would become increasingly difficult and dangerous. Far from ending the suffering, it would aggravate it."

He also repeated the government's assertion that the ending of the embargo would increase the supply of weapons to Croats and Serbs.

Although air strikes might be valuable as a threat against the Serbs, there were risks attached, especially to the UN forces and humanitarian agencies. "We would not agree to action which would put British forces at risk." While the Vance-Owen peace proposals remained on the table, there was always hope of compromise and adjustment. The peace plans were not sacred, he said, and could be adjusted provided a political process remained.

Reminding MPs that ethnic communities had lived peacefully together in Bosnia for many years, Mr Hurd concluded: "I don't believe that hatred and killing is inevitable ... The killing and hatred will come to an end — perhaps not too soon, but never too soon."

Dr Cunningham supported the use of limited air strikes backed by UN resolutions, but said: "There are no risk-free options." He criticised the response of the West and said that the credibility of the United Nations itself was in question, particularly among people in Muslim countries.

"It has taken the international community until now to accept that the existing resolutions are being flouted and are in no way preventing the Bosnian Serbs from continuing their war and military aggression in Bosnia." Much tighter sanctions should have been imposed at an earlier stage, he said.

Dr Cunningham emphasised that for any military action to receive Labour's support it would have to be fully authorised by the UN. Despite the anger and anguish felt by all people in Britain the country "could not allow anger to dictate the difficult political decisions we must come to in order to deal with these circumstances", he ham said.

The principle political objective of any action would have to be to secure Bosnian Serb agreement to the Owen-Vance peace plan, he added. "The reality is ... that sooner or later there will have to be a political solution to the circumstances in Bosnia. Sooner or later people will have to accept they cannot go on slaughtering each other."

Dr Cunningham rejected the concept of a "moral duty" to intervene in Bosnia. "Nobody talks about the moral duty to intervene in Angola where three times as many people have been killed in a civil war," he said.

The shadow foreign secretary provoked barracking and interventions from his own back-benchers when he said it "did not help the cause and credibility" of the Bosnian Croats and Muslims when their own forces were involved in attacks on each other. "Among political leaders there are no innocents," he said. He could not accept that ending the arms embargo "and allowing additional arms to pour in to the former Yugoslavia would do anything to bring to an end the dispute in Bosnia."

Reponding to an intervention from Clare Short, Labour MP for Birmingham Ladywood, Dr Cunningham said safe havens for Muslims could not be created quickly or easily by sending in combat troops. It would take weeks or months to assemble and prepare a force, during which time the Serbs would "turn up the aggression and grab as much land as they could".

Sir Edward Heath, the former prime minister, strongly opposed intervention. Speaking during the debate, he said that in the past British leaders had been right to keep Britain out of the Spanish civil war and Vietnam. He was interrupted by John Wilkinson (C, Ruislip Northwood), who pointed out that the Americans had poured hundreds of tons of ordnance on to the Ho Chi Minh trail but had not stopped arms supplies nor the Vietcong.

Sir Edward said that it was time for Lord Owen to retire, particularly as he had now said that the issue could only be settled by force.

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, criticised the government and others for failing to act earlier. If the Serbs were seen to be able to indulge in aggression with impunity, others would join in the feast — and some had already started — and there was a danger that the situation would become completely unmanageable. He dismissed the widely held view that the fighting in Bosnia was a civil war. If it was, he asked rhetorically, why was Srebrenica shelled from across an internationally recognised border, and what was the Croatian standing army doing in Bosnia.

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"After you ... no, after you": Douglas Hurd matches President Clinton's caution over Bosnia

Heath warns against deeper involvement

SIR Edward Heath, the former prime minister, yesterday warned the government not to get further involved in the conflict in former Yugoslavia (Robert Morgan writes).

Intervening at prime minister's question time in the Commons, an hour before the start of the debate on the issue, Sir Edward said: "Will the prime minister recognise that until he and the government give an absolutely clear and categorical assurance that no British troops of any kind will become involved in former Yugoslavia and Bosnia, except for humanitarian reasons — until he gives that assurance — any other suggestion will be suspect and it will make it extremely difficult to persuade people to support the effort that we do now make and it will be suspect because it is thought we will be dragged stage by stage into a European war or we shall be pushed there by Washington, and both are intolerable."

John Major replied that Britain was among the first countries to put troops into Bosnia to help with the humanitarian effort. The government had to consider precisely how it could play a part in seeking to end the terrible conflict in Bosnia and there was a clear-cut British strategic interest that the conflict did not spread beyond Bosnia.

"These are issues of great complexity that we do need to discuss with our colleagues and friends in the UN and Nato. I take to heart the remarks of Sir Edward as I know will several MPs."

James Couchman, Tory MP for Gillingham, urged Mr Major to tell President Clinton that many in Europe had "grave reservations" about air strikes against any targets, strategic or not. Mr Major said that it was vital to minimise the risk to UN troops.

John Smith, the Labour leader, said: "As the days and weeks go by and the Serbs continue to flout the authority of the UN, is it not increasingly clear that if the Serbs are to be stopped they must be given an ultimatum backed by a credible threat to lines of communication and supply?"

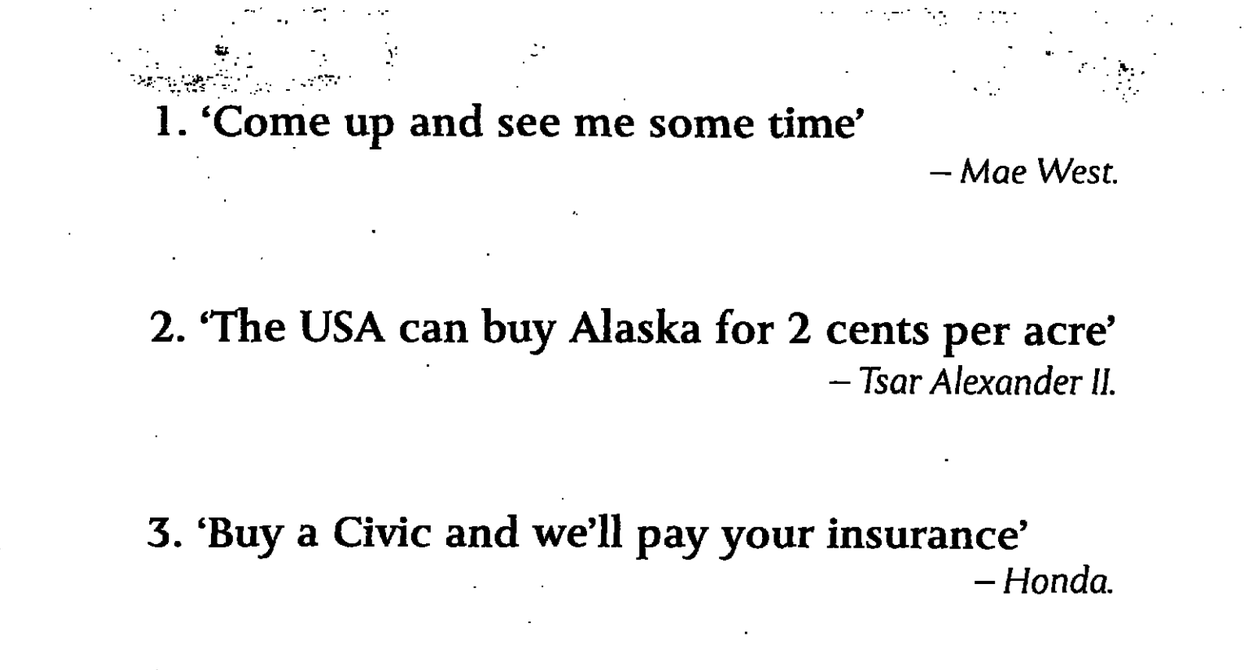
Mr Major replied: "We have not ruled out options. We are discussing those options."

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Security council team urges Srebrenica-style security zones in four Muslim enclaves

UN proposals for more safe havens widen allies' rift

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT, MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON, JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

PROPOSALS by a United Nations Security Council mission to create safe havens in Bosnia around towns under Serb siege have provoked a clash over the form they would take. The concept of a network of zones defended by international troops was firmly rejected in London.

The six-nation delegation recommended to the other nine security council members that Sarajevo, Tuzla, Gorazde and Zepa be designated safe areas — as Srebrenica was on April 16 — to prevent them coming under effective Serb control. The team's members, from France, Hungary, New Zealand, Pakistan, Russia and Venezuela, also want the present UN Protection Force in Bosnia enlarged and given a mandate to protect the proposed Muslim enclaves.

Lord Owen, the European Community peace negotiator, is among those sceptical about the safe havens. He has said that United Nations forces should not become combatants in Bosnia.

Since the Srebrenica zone was set up, the heavily armed Serbs surrounding the town have not shelled the Muslim population. Yesterday, however, there were small-arms clashes between Serbs and Muslims southwest of the perimeter.

The security council fact-finding mission was shown how the Srebrenica zone is working, and "safe havens" have now become the latest policy issue for the West to debate. The intrepretation of "safe haven", however, varies from it being a properly defended enclave, with UN troops guaranteeing the safety of the population, to "secure areas" away from the front-lines where refugees can go for accommodation and food and the promise of a patrolling UN presence. This latter interpretation is favoured by the Foreign Office. A third option — setting up the kind of safe haven that operated in northern Iraq in 1991 — is entirely discounted.

In Bosnia, where fighting is still raging across the country, Kurdish-style safe havens would be impractical unless the West were prepared to deploy thousands of troops equipped for a combat role. In the light of the experiment in Srebrenica, however, other besieged towns could be given limited protection, provided UN humanitarian forces already in the region were able to drive through Serb lines.

Foreign Office sources yesterday insisted that the only safe havens the government has in mind are refugee sites where UN troops already serving in Bosnia can help to provide protection and guarantee food supplies. But now that the Croats, Muslims and Serbs are all fighting each other, it must not be forgotten that these so-called safe areas are within artillery range.

In Washington yesterday, President Clinton seemed to be inclining towards a new twin-track policy on Bosnia, combining limited air strikes against Serb targets with the lifting of the UN arms embargo against the Muslims. The proposal risks a serious rift with Britain and France. London has been urging the administration not to arm the Muslims, and British officials say it is hard to see how the government could support such a move in the security council.

After weeks of agonising, the White House yesterday predicted a presidential decision as early as today or tomorrow. Apparently anticipating European resistance, Mr Clinton promised "pretty aggressive consultations" with the allies before making his decision public. Dee Dee Myers, the White House spokesman, said that the president considered it "the United States' mission in this case to lead, and that's what he intends to do".

Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, is expected in London and Paris next week, and officials say that the chief objective of his visit will be to try to agree a united front, at least in public.

The main argument within the administration for a twin-track approach seems to be that the air strikes would give the Muslims cover while they trained and rearmed. Britain argues that lifting the embargo would both exacerbate the conflict and encourage pre-emptive Serb strikes before the arms could be delivered.

☐ **Zagreb:** Thirty-nine United Nations Protection Force soldiers have been killed and 414 injured since the beginning of their mission in March 1992, a spokesman for the force said yesterday. It is presently 24,915 strong.



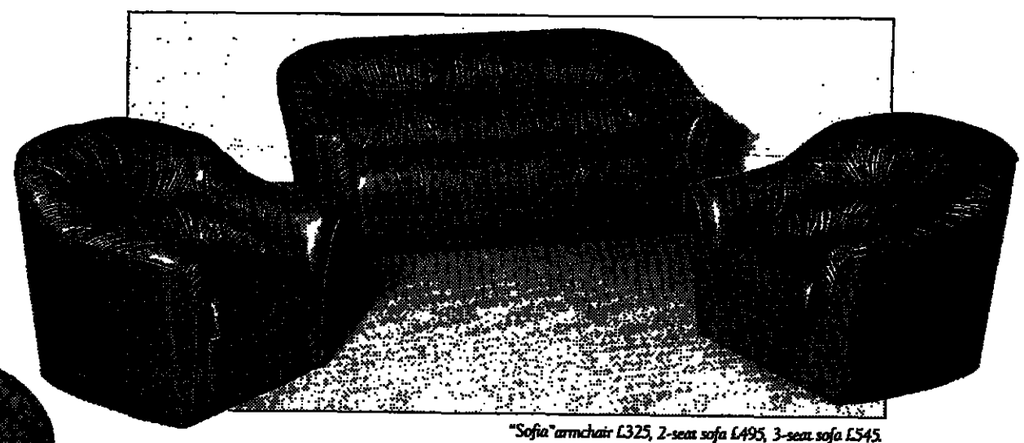
Duty calls: a Bosnian Muslim soldier, leaving for the front line, wipes away his mother's tears at a cemetery in Rahic, north of Tuzla

In the past week it has escorted a total of 116 aid convoys carrying 3,717 tonnes of aid. A total of 104 humanitarian flights by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees have also been able to use Sarajevo airport, the spokesman added. *(AFP)*

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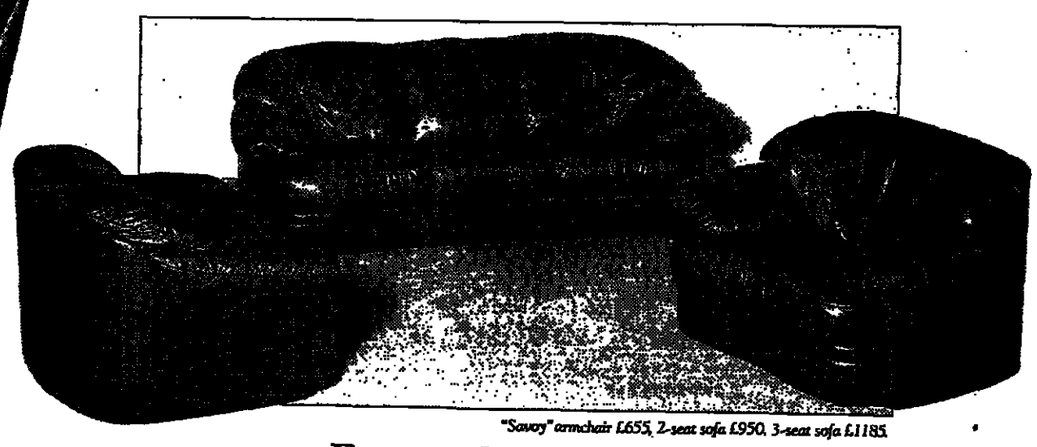
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Bosnian Serbs bow to Belgrade

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

BOSNIAN Serb leaders yesterday gave in to pressure from Belgrade and called a new session of their parliament to re-examine their rejection of the Vance-Owen peace plan. They had rejected a letter from Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, on Monday and defied his "categoric demand" that they vote in favour of the plan.

But after meeting Mr Milosevic yesterday, Bosnian Serb leaders announced that they were recalling parliament for a meeting on May 5 in the light of "new information", which was almost certain to have included threats from Mr Milosevic over the consequences of not doing his bidding.

After the vote against the Vance-Owen plan on Monday, one official said he expected Mr Milosevic to impose sanctions on the Bosnian Serbs, who are dependent on Serbia for fuel, food, spare parts and, to a lesser extent, arms and ammunition. The Bosnian Serbs have been coming under immense pressure from Serbia to sign the plan but diplomatic sources in Belgrade say they are puzzled by Mr Milosevic's failure to swing the vote on Monday.

"Perhaps he's losing his touch," one Western diplomat said, "and if that's the case it's really dangerous. We are working on the assumption that Milosevic has the Bosnian Serbs under control and if he does not, the thought of (Bosnian Serb military leader) General Ratko Mladic running wild is truly frightening."

Another diplomat said: "Signing does not mean accepting, and it does not mean implementing." Listing towns in which the Serbs would be required to relinquish their authority under the terms of the plan he said: "They have no intention of evacuating Bratunac, Prijedor, Zvornik and Brcko. They may sign and then try to talk more."



Guns fall silent in hilltop village pact

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN KULA

WHEN British armoured personnel carriers lumbered up the steep dirt track to this picturesque village yesterday, troops mediating between warring Bosnian factions must have thought they were in the wrong place.

The graceful pastureland of Bosnia-Herzegovina looks more like Switzerland than the images associated with the war in the former Yugoslavia. Yet even here, on a remote hilltop, ethnic conflict has thrived, pitting neighbour against neighbour and leaving a trail of smouldering villages in its wake.

Kula is today one of the key frontline positions where Bosnian Croat forces are dug in facing their Muslim adversaries a few hundred yards further up the hill. The primitive stand-off is reproduced in hundreds of areas of Bosnia, where Serbs, Muslims and Croats are fighting each other for control of the shattered country.

Yesterday, however, instead of exchanging mortar, heavy artillery and automatic fire, the guns fell silent when the British escort arrived carrying the military commanders of the two forces, Sefer Halilovic, the Bosnian army chief, and Milivoj Petrovic, his Croat counterpart. "The Muslim and Croat commanders agreed to a ceasefire last night, but communications are unreliable, so we are bringing them to the front line to issue the orders in person," Lieutenant Colonel Bob Stewart, the British military commander turned diplomat in Bosnia, said. A day earlier, he had had his mediation efforts thwarted when he was pinned down for 15 minutes in the same area during a fierce gun battle.

In the event, the appearance of the military chiefs seemed to have the desired effect of halting the fighting, although the effort would have to be reproduced in scores of areas simultaneously if the rival local warlords are to be kept from taking matters into their own hands.

Yeltsin asks regions to back new constitution

The Russian leader, buoyed up by the referendum vote, is seeking American-style presidential powers in a revolutionary blueprint for a federal political system

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin moved yesterday to exploit the vote of confidence he received in last Sunday's Russian referendum, presenting regional leaders with a draft new constitution that would bypass the conservative legislature and redefine the powers of president, parliament and judiciary.

He told representatives from the semi-autonomous republics that the creaking Soviet-era constitution was the main hurdle to political and economic reform. "We badly need a new one. The one we have is old, with patches stuck on, and it is pulling us backwards."

Mr Yeltsin made no mention of parliament in his address, which invited the officials to comment on his proposals for ending the country's crippling constitutional deadlock by May 20 with a view to calling a full constitutional assembly by early June.

The changes, if carried out, would revolutionise the political system, giving Mr Yeltsin the scope of powers available to the American president, and would mean Moscow ceding much of its influence to a federal system for the first time in the country's history.

During a meeting with his cabinet, Mr Yeltsin also challenged the conservative Congress of People's Deputies and the standing parliament to put themselves to the electoral test or fall in behind his reforms. "The referendum was a big surprise delivered to the opponents of reform by the people. Any decision that goes against the popular will should not be carried out," he said.

The utterances reflect Mr Yeltsin's buoyant mood after Sunday's vote. They throw down a gauntlet to the twin legislatures to accept a new constitution circumscribing their own role — and in the case of the congress, accepting its own obsolescence — or face forced reform at the hands of a the specially convened assembly that would draw its legitimacy by being made up of representatives from the 80 republics and regions.

This path is not without obstacles, however, since the northern Caucasus is striving for more autonomy from Moscow than Mr Yeltsin is prepared to barter. The oil-rich repubics of Tatarstan and Bashkorostan, as well as two border regions of Altai and Chita, also rejected him in the referendum.

The deputies are now nervous at the prospect of enforced early retirement and fear that, under pressure for constitutional reform, Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliamentary Speaker, might sell them out in return for confirming himself at the head of the newly cast parliament.

Mr Yeltsin is also determined to rid himself of personal irritants, such as Aleksandr Rutskoi, his vice-president, who was stripped on Wednesday of his post in charge of crime and corruption investigations. He was dismissed as head of agricultural reforms a fortnight ago.

The Yeltsin camp feels that the time is right to trample on its enemies and is merciless — and graceless — in victory, with Vyacheslav Kostikov, Mr Yeltsin's spokesman, boasting yesterday: "Rutskoi is now hanging in a political vacuum." The opposition, while its response to the referendum results has been a predictably verbose indulgence in sour grapes, seems at a loss on the next step. As long as Mr Yeltsin can present himself as the people's choice, the army will be reluctant to intervene and Mr Rutskoi cannot move for power without elections or a mass movement behind him. Neither is imminent.

☐ **Oil reform:** Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian prime minister, has ordered the creation of a state oil company to serve as the engine for restructuring the key export sector. The enterprise, known as Rosneft, would organise joint stock companies based on existing state oil production associations. *(Reuter)*

Muscovites delight in rites of spring

BY ANNE MCELVOY

Spring is coming, spring is coming!
And the ruddy-cheeked bright dances
Of serene warm May days
Jostle merrily behind her.

Spring Torrents
Fyodor Tyutchev 1803-73

HAD I wanted to be sure of a happy marriage rich in children, and with a table of plenty for life, I should have exchanged vows last Sunday, the Day of Beautiful Hills, one of the myriad folkore festivals which have persisted in Russia since the Middle Ages. If I were short of someone with whom to exchange vows, I could join in the Tumult of Humanity festival, where a matchmaker would have sealed my fate at a ceremony akin to the old English May day by involving me in a hide-and-seek game with the local lads.

Alas, together with most urban Russians, I was otherwise occupied, watching President Yeltsin trying to seal his own union with the people in the recent referendum. With that piece of political spring-cleaning out of the way, Russia is settling down to the rituals which mark the end of April: opening creaking *dacha* doors after the long winter, hunting for early berries, and gratefully packing away the fur hats and boots until October.

"Spring wakes up even the worm," runs an old Russian proverb, and this year the season arrived so suddenly and beautifully that not even the grumpiest could fail to be impressed. It burst upon us with a fine sense of literary timing, exactly as Tolstoy's Levin witnessed it in *Anna Karenina*, on the first Sunday after Russian Orthodox Easter, as if the Lord's alarm clock had jolted Him into sudden beneficence: "The warm air vibrated with the vapours of the awakening earth. Last year's grass grew green again and the new blades came up like needle-points, buds swelled on the guelder-rose and currant birch trees ..."

Guelder roses and currant bushes are admittedly thin on the ground in polluted modern Moscow, but the catkins flourish stubbornly on weak branches amid the tower blocks. The heaps of hard grey ice have melted from the streets, leaving the dustiest of cities looking, however briefly, clean and refreshed.

Few Russian authors could resist paens of praise to spring: Lomonosov, Turgenev, Pushkin, Tolstoy and Tyutchev all adapted its fertile symbolism to their interpretations of nature's power, the simple rhythms of peasant life and procreation. Spring matters deeply in Russia because the contrast with the preceding months is so invigorating. In Tyutchev's poem *Spring Storm*, winter is the wicked witch, angry because her time has passed and the spell of gloom she cast over the country has been broken. The national mood has indeed perked up with extraordinary suddenness. The wintery conviction that everything was a crisis, bound to get worse and end in poverty and civil war, has been replaced with a philosophical "Let's see what comes."

A venture onto the capital's boulevards, until last week a blustery and marrow-chilling experience, is now a leisurely saunter of discovery. Kiosks which turned into vodka booths when the temperature dropped below zero are back to issuing ice cream and rose-hip syrup. Even those least beloved characters of the city, the traffic policemen, have shed a few layers of clothing and do not look quite so overfed and grasping as they did last week. Neighbours' faces, hidden for the past six months under a vast *shapka* hat and a muffler, turn out to be more friendly than they seemed in their winter disguise.

Russians indulge themselves freely in all the rites of the season, steaming the grime out of their bodies at the bath-house while the grandmothers thwack their backs with birch twigs. And, of course, they fall in love. "My hibernation is over," read one announcement from Nikolai, 38, in the columns of the weekly *Bee Dlya Vas* (Everything for You). "Seek modest, not rapacious, girl to go for walks and maybe more."

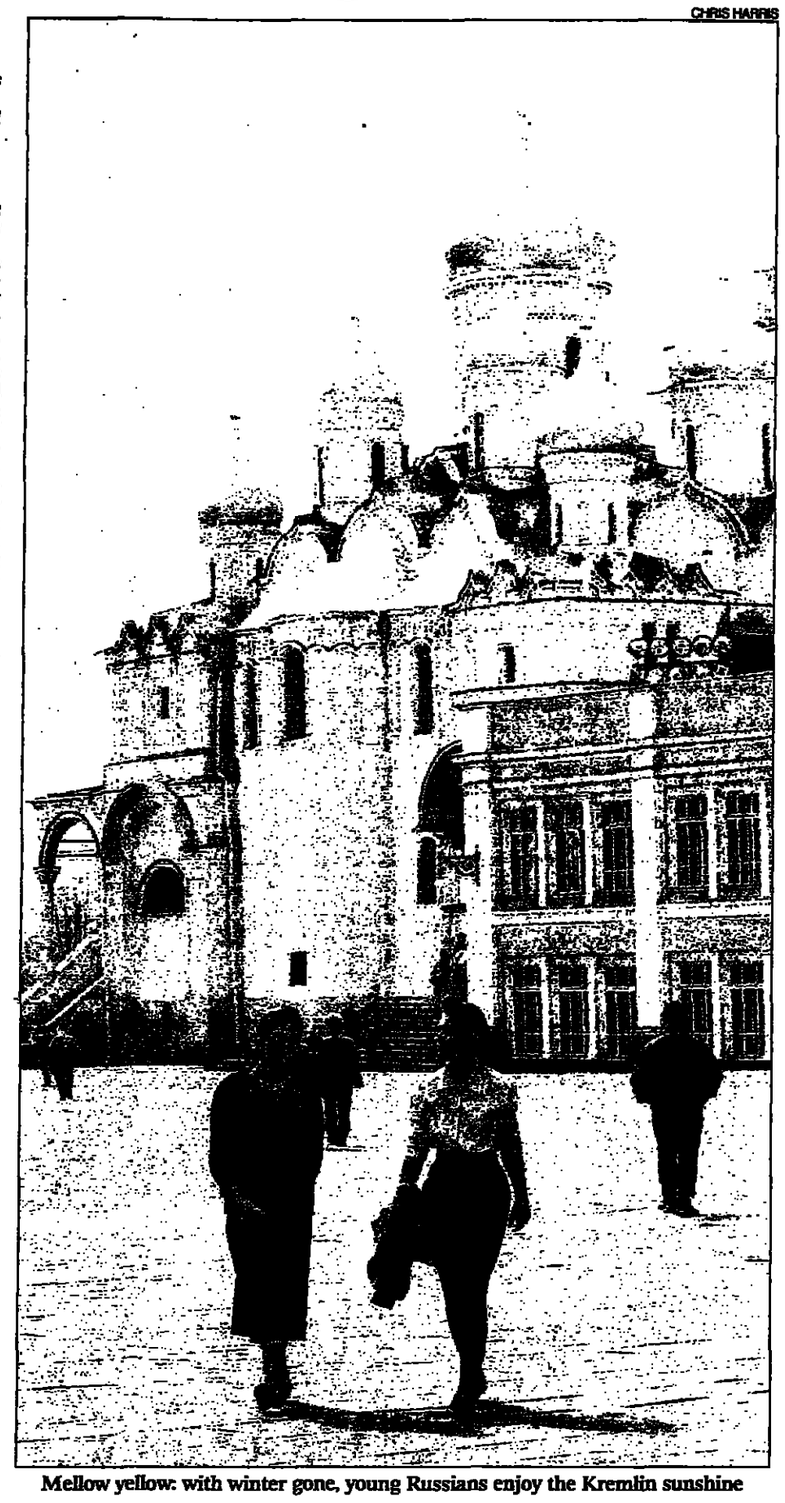
Moscow's central market, where we scavanged in recent months for an over-priced tomato or a soggy cucumber, has turned into a veritable cornucopia. The Azerbaijani flower-sellers are offering exquisite roses in all the hues of scarlet, crimson, pink, cream and white — with a few carnations thrown if the seller deems you to be a "delightful girl", as he very probably will.

There are vats of beluga caviar, fresh from Astrakhan, tiny pearls of perfection flecked with gold, home-cured hams dispensed by vast farmers' wives up from the provinces for the day, and glossy fruits and vegetables galore. The prices are a nightmare for all but very prosperous shoppers; runaway inflation means that shoppers now carry wads of thousand rouble notes where only a few months ago they dealt in hundreds.

Muscovites, who are the rudest people on earth in the winter, start to exude a coquettish charm about now and it lasts until the first of October brings the first shiver.

Who could possibly speak evil of spring? Answer: that reliable harbinger of doom, *Pravda*, which reasoned after Mr Yeltsin's referendum that the "yes" vote for his leadership and reforms was all the fault of "an intemperate spring outburst of democracy". It is already looking forwards to the next nice gloomy winter of discontent.

CHRIS HARRIS



Mellow yellow: with winter gone, young Russians enjoy the Kremlin sunshine

German unions set steel strike date

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN



Steinkuehler: banking on east German anger

EAST German engineering and steel workers will lay down their tools next week, paralysing a significant chunk of German industry, according to a plan set out yesterday by the union leadership.

The move, after a week of balloting among workers in Mecklenburg and Saxony, is designed to force an early pay settlement from the steel and engineering employers federation. In 1991 the workers were promised a 26 per cent pay rise to bring east Germans closer to western pay levels by this year, but at that time the then Soviet Union was promising bountiful orders. The order books have since shrivelled with the collapse of the Soviet Union and the whole German economy is in the doldrums.

Franz Steinkuehler, the radical leader of the IG Metall engineering and steel union, will be playing on the anger and unpredictability of east German workers to squeeze a better deal. His aim will probably be to gain a sliding scale of wage increases of up to 20 per cent in profitable factories with lower settlements in those that would have to close if they had to pay large sums.

If he is to get close to this figure, however — most employers are inclined to pay no more than 9 per cent — Herr Steinkuehler must press the panic button. The first strikes will be staged on Monday and Tuesday in both the balloted regions, and the whole east German steel industry is set to close down. If there are no concessions from the employers by May 12, there will be warning strikes in the west too.

Gallic shrug greets CIA's warning of air show spies

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN PARIS

FRENCH officials expressed surprise then boredom yesterday after the CIA fired a covert salvo in the bubbling aviation dispute involving Airbus Industrie and Boeing.

The American intelligence agency reportedly warned 49 US companies that they risked being spied on by the French if they exhibited at the Paris air show in June. A foreign ministry spokeswoman in Paris said last night that the allegation was "old hat that goes back years and is no longer valid". In 1991, Pierre Marion, the former head of French intelligence, admitted his service carried out industrial espionage on top American firms.

Other French officials said yesterday they were amazed that the CIA had brought up the matter again, hinting that increased competition in the aviation sector and tough negotiations in the current Gatt round of trade talks were the real reasons for the claim.

Washington has long complained that the French give unfair subsidies to their aircraft industry, especially Airbus. Paris has retorted that the massive defence contracts awarded to Boeing Corporation amounted to similar government subvention.

Hughes Aircraft, a subsidiary of General Motors, said this week it had received the warning and would boycott the Paris air show because it feared industrial espionage.

NEWS IN BRIEF

MPs in Baku strip president of powers

Moscow: The Azerbaijani parliament has stripped President Elchibey of his economic powers and transferred other executive issues to the cabinet, according to Interfax. The Russian news agency said the Baku parliament named Panakh Gusseinov, 35, a leader of Mr Elchibey's ruling Azerbaijani Popular Front party, as prime minister instead of Ali Massimov, who became the interim prime minister on January 26.

Tass reported yesterday that Armenian forces have partially withdrawn from the Kelbadzhar corridor in Azerbaijan, which links the disputed enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh with Armenia. Armenian officials described the move as a "gesture of good will". *(AFP)*

Bogus general is sentenced

Lisbon: A woman who posed as a male Portuguese army general for almost 20 years was given a three-year suspended jail sentence for fraud. The judge said Teresinha Gomes, 51, who often dressed in uniform, had abused confidence by claiming to be a male general and a lawyer.

Police found out Gomes was a woman when investigating complaints about her personal debts. Neighbours knew her as General Tito Anibal Gomes, husband of a retired nurse. *(Reuter)*

Bombing threat

Tbilisi: Eduard Shevardnadze, the Georgian leader, has threatened a massive bombardment of Gudauta and Tkvarcheli in the separatist province of Abkhazia if the rebels there do not stop bombing the government-held city of Sukhumi. *(AFP)*

Papers stopped

Paris: France was without national newspapers as shopfloor workers held a one-day strike to protest against police evacuation of the Kimberly-Clark-Sopalin paper mill in Rouen. Workers had occupied it for two months in protest at job losses. *(AFP)*

Aliens opposed

Paris: Four out of five French people want illegal immigrants systematically expelled from the country, according to a poll to be published in *Le Figaro*. Three-quarters of the respondents wanted foreign criminals who are sentenced in France to be deported automatically. *(Reuter)*

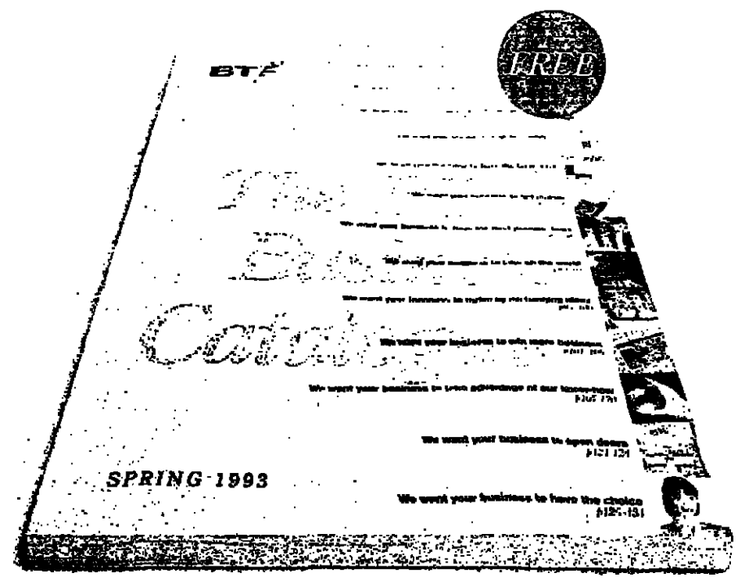
Cost offensive

Brussels: The Belgian army has held its first public auction of surplus equipment, ranging from jeeps to billy-cans, as part of a drastic cost-cutting reform plan that will also reduce personnel from 90,000 to 40,000 by 1997. *(Reuter)*

Far-sighted

Tucson: After objections from local Apaches, a telescope being built on Mount Graham, Arizona, will be called the Large Binocular Telescope rather than Columbus. The Indians still oppose the project, saying the mountain is a holy place. *(AP)*

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Italians hope 'political earthquake' will destroy nation's Cold War legacy of corruption

Cabinet of professors to guide Rome reform

By John Phillips in Rome and Our Foreign Staff

■ The new government is potentially the most competent in Italian history. However, that did not prevent last-minute squabbles over posts, which delayed the swearing-in

ITALY discarded its Cold War legacy yesterday as three former communists joined a new coalition administration led by Carlo Azeglio Ciampi. The ministers of the 52nd postwar government later swore loyalty to the republic.

The administration formed by Signor Ciampi, the 72-year-old central bank governor, included 11 new ministers not present in the outgoing cabinet of Giuliano Amato and many of the best minds of Italian universities. This constituted a "political earthquake to bring the country out of its emergency", *Corriere della Sera* said.

The three former communists from the Democratic Party of the Left (PDS) who took up cabinet appointments are Augusto Barbera, the minister for relations with parliament, Vincenzo Visco (finance), with a brief to fight rampant tax evasion, and Luigi Berlinguer, the rector of Siena University and a cousin of the late Communist leader, Enrico Berlinguer, as minister for universities and research. The last Communist ministers left the cabinet of Alcide de Gasperi 46 years ago.

The Republican party, also in opposition to the Amato government, was represented by Antonio Maccanico, a merchant banker who previously headed the late President Pertini's staff at the Quirinal Palace. He takes up the post of cabinet secretary. Francesco Rutelli, a long-haired leader of the Greens whose protests against nuclear power stations have landed him in prison, arrived for the oath-taking ceremony on his moped. He takes charge of environment.

Last-minute squabbling between Signor Barbera and Leopoldo Elia, the Christian Democrat minister in charge of electoral reforms, delayed the swearing-in. Signor Barbera, a leading figure in the electoral reform movement, had demanded the job given to Signor Elia, a former president of the constitutional court. Signor Ciampi and President Scalfaro persuaded the two to share responsibility for enacting the political reforms mandated by Italians in last week's referendum.

"We will do everything so that these laws go ahead," Signor Elia declared. He said he had confidence "in a rapid approval by parliament of electoral laws consistent with the referendum will".

If the seven parties represented in the cabinet can work in harmony, the administration is potentially the most competent in Italian history. Observers said the task force mustered to run the economy was impressive, with Luigi Spaventa, a Cambridge-trained economist and former visiting fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, becoming budget minister, and Paolo Savona, a respected banker close to the Republicans, minister of industry and privatisation. Signor Visco is a fiscal expert whose ideas have been frequently pirated by previous governments. Another Cambridge-educated university professor, Beniamino Andreatta, becomes foreign minister, raising expectations of a more innovative policy.

Inevitably there was criticism that Signor Ciampi had not gone far enough. *La Repubblica* described the line-up as only a "half-revolution" since the dominant Christian Democrats, besides Signor Andreatta, retained the key posts. Nicola Mancino and Piero Barruci continue as interior and treasury ministers, respectively.

Signor Ciampi was theoretically free to choose his ministers without reference to party leaders. But he clearly had to make some concessions, such as the appointment of Fabio Fabbri, Signor Amato's cabinet secretary, as defence minister for no other reason than that it has been the traditional post of the Socialist party.

President Scalfaro has said that the task of the new government is "to ferry Italy from the old to the new". Signor Ciampi has pledged to make electoral reform *his top* priority.

On the very day the new government was taking its oath, parliament was voting on whether to strip one of his predecessors, Bettino Craxi, of his immunity from prosecution. Signor Craxi, a Socialist, was expected to address his fellow deputies in a desperate attempt to prove his innocence before the secret ballot yesterday on 41 separate counts on suspicion of corruption, receiving stolen goods, and violating the law on financing of political parties.

Judge Antonio Di Pietro, the magistrate heading Operation Clean Hands, had requested in January that Signor Craxi's immunity be lifted. A chamber of deputies committee subsequently recommended that the request be honoured.

In a Rome court yesterday Salvatore "Toto" Riina, the reputed Mafia superboss, refused to answer press questions on whether he ever met Giulio Andreotti, the former prime minister accused of links with the organised crime group. It was the first time Signor Riina was publicly asked by journalists about ties to Signor Andreotti. The court hearing was later adjourned until next month. In Milan, Giorgio Garuzzo, the managing director for the Fiat group's industrial activities, returned from Britain yesterday and surrendered to authorities to face charges of corruption. Signor Garuzzo, 55, has been the subject of an arrest warrant since April 7. He was scheduled to appear later in the day before magistrates investigating his alleged involvement in illegal party financing as head of the Iveco truck division in the 1980s.



Cagey response: Salvatore Riina, the reputed Mafia superboss, waving from behind the bars of the dock in a Rome court yesterday while ignoring reporters' questions on whether he ever met Giulio Andreotti, the former prime minister

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Irishman confirmed as new Gatt head

Brussels: Irish sources confirmed yesterday that Peter Sutherland, Ireland's former European commissioner, will take over as director-general of the Geneva-based General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade this summer (Tom Walker writes).

Mr Sutherland, 47, the chairman of Allied Irish Bank and Guinness Peat Aviation, has tried to maintain his ties with Brussels since he left the competition directorate in 1989. He is highly regarded by Jacques Delors, the president of the European Commission, and it is no secret that Mr Sutherland's goal is to follow in the Frenchman's footsteps. Arthur Dunkel, the present director-general, a Swiss, intends to stand down at the end of June when the six-month extension of his five-year mandate expires.

Sir Leon Brittan, the EC's external trade commissioner, and Nicky Kantor, his American counterpart, see Mr Sutherland as a good potential broker of a Gatt accord at a time when transatlantic tensions are easing. A new accord could boost the world economy by an estimated $200 billion (£130 billion).

76 die in crash

Kabul: A military transport aircraft crashed near Mazar-i-Sharif in northern Afghanistan, killing all 76 passengers, including a local BBC correspondent and a 15-man Afghan wrestling team. *(AFP)*

Yemen on alert

Sanaa: Soldiers and riot police moved into the Yemeni capital as Muslim fundamentalists accused the government of rigging this week's election. Early returns showed a sweeping victory for the ruling General People's Congress. *(AP)*

Generals held

Seoul: Five generals of the South Korean air force were arrested and charged with paying bribes of between £2,400 and £24,000 for their promotions. Twelve military officers have been held so far in an anti-corruption drive. *(AP)*

Keating snub

Sydney: John Hewson, the Liberal opposition leader, refused to participate in a bipartisan committee set up by Paul Keating, the prime minister, to determine Australia's possible future as a republic. Mr Hewson said that the committee was "blatantly biased".

Plane 'blast'

Libreville: The air force plane carrying the Zambian national football team to a World Cup match in Senegal may have exploded before crashing into the Atlantic off Gabon, witnesses said. All 30 people on board were killed. *(AFP)*



González: scales may have tipped his way

González ropes in judge to back him

From Edward Owen in Madrid

SPAIN has been stunned by the announcement that Felipe González, the Socialist prime minister, has persuaded Baltasar Garzón, the country's most popular judge, to stand as an independent candidate supporting his Socialist party in the general election on June 6.

Señor Garzón, 37, is a national hero because of his fearless crusade against organised crime and terrorism. One of five investigating judges at the national court, he has prepared cases against and supervised the arrest of Spain's biggest criminals. Apart from tackling Spain's most dangerous criminals and terrorists, he has challenged Socialist government ministers, jailed top policemen who hired mercenaries to kill Eta Basque terrorists, and detained civil guards who sold the drugs they had seized.

Señor Gonzalez, who was facing defeat by the right-wing Popular party, was desperate to win back support. His masterstroke has been to persuade Spain's great and good, not previously known as Socialist supporters, to stand as independents who are ready to back him.

The prime minister could hardly have done better than choose Judge Garzón in an attempt to gloss over the Socialist party funding scandal that precipitated the early election. The stocky "superjudge", as he is sometimes dubbed, favours trendy, baggy suits and is no prude. He rose from humble peasant stock in Jaén, southern Spain, and may become attorney-general if Señor Gonzalez wins, having now perhaps tipped the scales of justice in the prime minister's favour.

Javier Solana, the foreign minister, has been displaced to third position in the government hierarchy behind Judge Garzón and Señor González.

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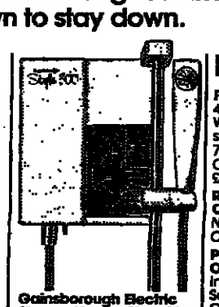
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De Klerk admits that apartheid was wrong

From Ray Kennedy in Johannesburg

PRESIDENT de Klerk of South Africa apologised for the first time in public yesterday for apartheid and for what it had done to millions of people.

He used a ceremony in Cape Town, at which a new National Party flag and colours were unveiled, to make the statement so long demanded by blacks but which he has balked at until now.

The new emblem, he declared, "is a statement that we have broken with that which was wrong in the past and are not afraid to say we are deeply sorry that our past policies were wrong". The new flag consists of a gold sun with red rays on a white, blue and green background. Mr de Klerk said it was not a cosmetic or public relations exercise to eradicate a former image but an honest statement of what the National Party now was. He said that the party had changed its political image and it was now necessary for it to change its visual image.

Earlier yesterday there was an equally dramatic statement from Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress, when he hinted that he might not serve in a future government. He was asked during a Cable News Network television interview if the ANC was ready to govern the country and replied: "About me, I may have some doubts." Mr Mandela is only months younger than Oliver Tambo, the veteran national chairman of the ANC, who died of a stroke last Saturday, aged 75. After Mr Tambo's funeral on Sunday, which is certain to be an emotive event, Mr Mandela will fly to London for talks with John Major.

Mr Mandela and Mr de Klerk were interviewed on the eve of the continuation today of multi-party constitutional negotiations. The president said of Mr Mandela: "I respect him as a man, with the personal qualifications expected of people who hold high office." He stated, however, that the ANC itself lacked experience to govern the country and it was unacceptable to him because of its adherence to communist doctrine.



High flyer: Second Lieutenant Jeannie Flynn, the US Air Force's first woman combat pilot, with General Merrill McPeak. She will fly F15E Strike Eagles

Clinton's first 100 days more fizz than bang

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

IF PRESIDENT Clinton's performance was a Broadway play, the reviews marking his hundredth day in office yesterday would have placed a serious question mark over the show's longevity. It has not electrified the United States.

There was a remarkable unanimity among the critics. Unlike Mr Clinton's predecessors, he had bravely confronted the nation's two most urgent problems of federal debt and health care. He had backed President Yeltsin courageously. But to date his administration was conspicuous more for a lack of direction, a lack of focus and a lack of appointees that had cumulatively contributed to one stumble after another. Mr Clinton could well recover, they agreed, but he had to learn his lessons fast.

Last year Mr Clinton promised an "explosive 100-day action period, the most productive period in modern history". The right-wing *Washington Times* observed yesterday that his first 100 days were "more fizzle than the explosion he promised".

A sobering poll in *The Washington Post* showed 63 per cent of people felt Mr Clinton had so far achieved little or nothing, half felt he had reneged on key promises, and 71 per cent believed the country was "on the wrong track" — the highest level of pessimism since the last black months of the Bush administration. Asked which of the last three presidents Mr Clinton most resembled, most answered Jimmy Carter.

The New York Times, referring to Mr Clinton's tendency "to move in 1,000 directions at once", opined that "it's still early", adding that "one lesson he can learn from his slump in Washington and at the polls is not to confuse motion with progress".

The *Los Angeles Times*, impressed by Mr Clinton's communication skills and mastery of policy but not by his ability to get things done, concluded: "It is *only* the first 100 days and we remain hopeful about the *second* hundred".

The Washington Post said Mr Clinton had "at times been forceful in enunciating the broad themes of his administration, but over the past month he seems to have lost both clarity and altitude". Republicans seized on the hundredth day to denounce their opponent's performance. "He's done more to unite the Republican party than anything I could ever have done," jeered Haley Barbour, the party chairman.

But Democrats were none too happy either. "Most of us on the Hill are trying to pick up the pieces," said Tim Penny, a Minnesota congressman. "Clinton's got his work cut out for him."



Carter: memories of his administration revived

☐ **New York:** The first official head to roll in the aftermath of the Waco tragedy is likely to be that of Stephen Higgins, the director of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the senior official in charge of the initial assault on the Branch Davidian cult compound on February 28 (Ben Macintyre writes).

As Mr Higgins was defending his bureau's actions before a House of Representatives judiciary committee panel, Lloyd Bentsen, the Treasury secretary, issued a statement saying he was "deeply troubled by conflicting statements" about the raid. The statement has been widely seen as a prelude to a request for Mr Higgins' resignation.

Officials said yesterday that 65 bodies had been removed from the site, and seven had died from gunshot wounds. They now believe there were probably fewer than the 86 people the cult leader said were inside the building.

Veil drawn over talks on colony

From Catherine Sampson in Peking

BRITISH and Chinese officials emerged from a second round of negotiations on Hong Kong yesterday refusing to disclose anything other than that their next talks will be from May 21 to 23.

In the only hints that the two sides were still on fairly cordial terms, Sir Robin McLaren, Britain's ambassador to Peking and head of the British delegation, invited Jiang Enzhu, China's deputy foreign minister and chief negotiator, to dinner, and Wu Jianmin, China's foreign ministry spokesman, said Peking cherished "good faith towards the Sino-British talks and hopes to see positive results". These sentiments were echoed by Sir Robin.

The two sides are seeking agreement on elections to Hong Kong's legislature in 1994 and 1995. Just how democratic these elections should be has become the subject of dispute.

In talks in Singapore, China concluded the highest-level meeting in more than 40 years with Taiwan, its former enemy. The two countries signed a series of agreements, the most important of which is for regular high-level meetings.

Yesterday's signing ceremony had been put off from Wednesday after Peking rejected an agreement protecting Taiwanese investment on the mainland. That accord remains unsigned.

Palestine exiles on way home

From Ben Lynfield in Jerusalem

YITZHAK Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, sought yesterday to reassure Israelis that his goodwill gestures to spur the Washington peace talks did not signal capitulation, as Palestinians prepared an elaborate welcome for 30 deported nationalists expected home today.

Mr Rabin, speaking during a visit to occupied Gaza Strip, said security forces had closely checked the returning Palestinians who, he said, "do not have blood on their hands".

A Palestinian teenager from the West Bank Gaza Strip died from wounds received during a clash with troops in the Bureij refugee camp. Ramsi Mansur became the fifth Arab to die from army gunfire since Wednesday.

Palestinians said they would hold parades and thanksgiving prayers when the ageing nationalists, from at least four political factions, come marching over the Jordan's Allenby Bridge. Security authorities said they would not necessarily permit all 30 to return simultaneously and Jewish settlers appeared to be in no mood to celebrate. "They will be greeted as heroes and this will encourage people to kill more Jews," Aharon Domb, a settler leader, said.

More than 1,500 Palestinians have been expelled since 1967. The returnees include a university president and a women's federation leader.

Saddam revels in birthday homage

From Christopher Walker in Cairo

TWO weeks of defiant celebrations in Iraq to mark the 56th birthday of President Saddam Hussein culminated in him riding in a golden chariot drawn by six horses as dance troupes depicted his determination to resist world pressure.

The lavish ceremony was perceived by diplomats as a rebuff to Washington's announcement that it is to ask the United Nations to investigate alleged Iraqi war crimes and genocide. As part of the festivities, Iraqi television showed boys and girls in Kurdish costumes and claimed they were from the northern Iraqi provinces now under Kurdish rebel control.

"We see Kurdistan sad now," the children sang in Kurdish, a clear hint that Iraqi forces will try to regain the territory if Western protection is removed. The hint was strengthened when, in a reference to the rebels, the children pleaded with "Papa Saddam" to save the area from "wolves and pigs".

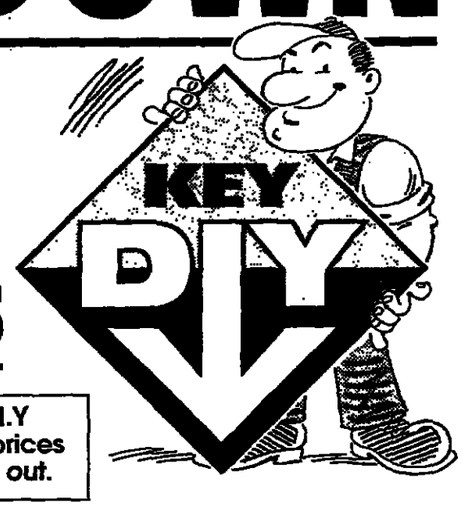
During the ceremony, filmed in the garden of one of Saddam's palaces on Wednesday, the president wore a white suit and clapped as the singers claimed that Iraq could withstand UN sanctions. *Babel*, the Baghdad daily owned by Saddam's ruthless eldest son Uday, told its readers: "Let them [Iraq's enemies] see how Iraqis mark Saddam Hussein's birthday. Then they will realise how the Almighty foiled their intentions and Iraq survived."

On Monday, Saddam attended the first military parade in Iraq since its troops were driven out of Kuwait in February 1991. The provocative show of strength was preceded by a new claim that Kuwait is Iraq's nineteenth province.

Foreign reporters were barred from the parade, during which large numbers of war planes and helicopter gunships flew low over the capital. "Most sections of the armed forces and their equipment took part ... to prove that they are the arm of the people and nation which fights and achieves victory," the official news agency said.

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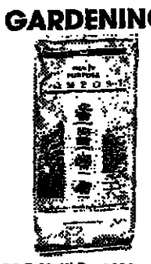
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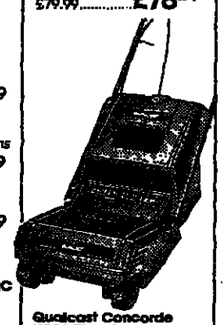
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The students of Paris set a generation ablaze 25 years ago. Today, **Charles Bremner** finds them in nostalgic mood



To be young was very heaven: exhausted students on the steps of the Sorbonne in 1968 ... they achieved spectacular change in the society and politics of their country, but France still clings stubbornly to many of its old ways

What happened to the revolution?

Four times a day, the whale-like coaches of the Paris Vision company trundle their loads of tourists past the Sorbonne and through the Latin quarter. Sixties rock music rattles over the headphones, as the commentary says this was the site of the legendary uprising of May 1968 when students tore up the cobble-stones, built barricades, burnt cars and skirmished nightly with the CRS riot police. Cameras are raised to the windows as the commentary notes, rather pointlessly: "Today, everything is in order again."

Well, up to a point. The Left Bank, exquisite as ever in the spring sunshine, displays not a trace of *les évènements de mai*. The famous cobble-stones have been replaced over the years and France is once again under Gaullist government. But even Edouard Balladur, the Gaullist prime minister, who served as crisis manager for Georges Pompidou, the premier of the time, agrees that the brief paroxysm of 25 years ago transformed the country. Unlike some historians who belittle the insurrection by well-off students, he sees it as an upheaval comparable with the revolutions of 1848 and the Paris Commune of 1871.

To the disbelief of the nostalgic participants, it is now a quarter of a century since that epiphany of the French baby-boom, the month when youth threw off the constraints of a smug and stultifying post-war society, dragged the reluctant workers into its bout of joyous anarchy and brought the country to a halt, all with hardly any bloodshed. At Paris dinner tables and in the media and the professions which it now dominates, the most self-absorbed generation is busy once again reliving the bliss of that dawn when it tried to change the world. The verdict has shifted over the years as waistlines have thickened, children accumulated and bank accounts swelled. By the 1980s, after the publication of more than 200 books on the events, the revolt was seen as something of an embarrassment, a naive festival by spoilt children, much as Americans came to view Woodstock and flower-power. Politically, it was seen as a failure that so frightened the silent majority that it delayed the arrival of left-wing government. The uprising, with its brief general strike, did shatter the charismatic authority of President de Gaulle, but France elected its most conservative government for decades and kept it throughout the 1970s. By the 1980s, the term "*soixante-huitard*" conjured up the vision of scruffy teachers and ageing hippies driving battered Renault 4s. The bulk of the real sixty-eighters spent the 1980s chasing the same material dreams as everyone else.

But now, the zeitgeist has shifted again with recession and Eurogloom and the old militants are sticking up for their legacy. "What was May about anyway?," wonders Jacques Sauvageot, who headed the UNEF, the main student union and who was one of the "three heroes" of '68, along with Daniel Cohn-Bendit and Alain Geismar. "It was sounding the death knell of 'real socialism'. It was against authority and it said there was more to life than growth rates. These are exactly the issues facing France today. From that point of view, our movement was ahead of its time." Like M Sauvageot, who now directs the School of Fine Arts at Rennes, many old activists are noting that the wheel has turned full circle and France is once again trying to find ways to "*vivre autrement*" — live differently — as the old slogan put it. Bernard Kouchner, who was inspired by 1968 to found Médecins sans Frontières, is preaching the same message. "The old parties with their left-right split are finished," he says. "We have got to conduct politics in a new way." Dr Kouchner is not only one of the rare figures of '68 to have held office in the socialist government, but he is one of the only two ministers to have emerged from the experience with his image intact. The other is Jack Lang, the culture minister, who was the director of a Brechtian university theatre in 1968. Both are especially popular among the middle-class young, who regard the sixties as a golden age when their parents had it good.

Many former leaders are thus arguing that last month's electoral "death of socialism" has vindicated their old rejection of party politics. However, the historians see the main legacy as a cultural rather than a political revolution. There was always a split between the budding apparatchiks of '68, the hardliners of the "proletarian left" who mobilised the workers for a while but failed to spark revolution, and the anarchist types who were more intent on having fun. It was certainly easier to find taboos to flout in the France of those days, a far more rigid society than the Anglo-Saxon world. The universities still treated their students like children — even using the informal "tu" to a lecturer was an offence — and women had only just been given the right to work without their husband's permission. Herr Cohn-Bendit, the red-haired activist whose antics at the suburban university of Nanterre sparked off the revolt, has been making the point lately from his seat as deputy mayor of Frankfurt. Sixty-eight, he says, was about using irony and playfulness as a weapon. "Proclaiming that sexuality and politics were intimately linked ... No ministers nor those who considered themselves revolutionary leaders would have dared say things like that."

The spirit can still be captured from the wall posters, whose originals now fetch large sums at the auction houses: *Make love, then Make it again, Liberate the library books, It is forbidden to forbid, Be realistic — demand the impossible.*

Marc Kravetz, a 1968 student leader who is now editor of *Libération*, says the revolt brought about a "terrible rupture" between old France and its children. "We haven't sold out at all," he says. "It's only in getting older that we are realising what our generation achieved — a phenomenal evolution in French society. Because of it, everything became much more fluid and permissive in the 1970s." Relations between employer and employee, men and women, parents and children, were all transformed. The same happened everywhere in the 1960s of course, but France came from further behind and, true to its traditions, accomplished the change through a spectacular explosion. At the same time, it is true that many of the old ways linger more in France than Britain and America or, indeed the other big Latin countries, Spain and Italy. The state remains more paternalistic and society more formal than most of the rest of Europe.

Looking back, it is tempting to remember how, after he was won over by the students, Jean-Paul Sartre said he understood what was going on. "A generation is determined not to look like its parents in 30 years time." Sartre got a lot wrong of course. May '68, if nothing else, ended the reign of the old Marxist intelligentsia which Sartre ruled. Age has certainly turned many *soixante-huitards* into the image of their parents. A favourite target for sniping in this direction is Serge July, the founder and now director of *Libération*, the originally "Maoist" newspaper that symbolised the spirit of the revolt. *Libération* has moved to the centre and July, at 50, is a prosperous media baron and member of the establishment and he declines to talk about '68. But it seems fair to conclude, as July's editor does, that whatever their political ideology, the spirit of the ageing *soixante-huitards* is years from that of their parents. Kravetz says the proof for him came in 1986 when the high-school pupils held demonstrations for reforming the Lycées. "The parents were out there advising the kids on organising demos and how to escape tear gas and all of the rest of it. What a difference with our time!"

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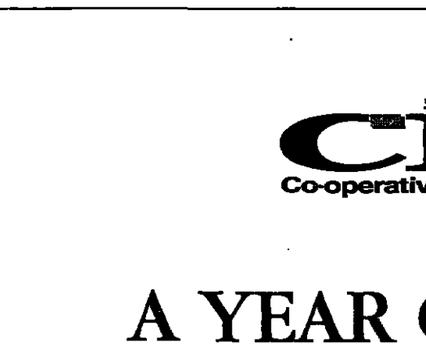
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The week's best brouhaha has to be the affair of the stolen Town Hall Kiss. Soppy Francophiles will be only too familiar with it: a breathtaking photo of two young lovers outside the Hotel de Ville in Paris, 1950, caught in a snatched, tousled, unspeakably romantic moment which proves for ever that the most erotic pictures are the ones with all the buttons still done up. It was taken by Robert Doisneau, and has sold half a million posters and cards.



Heated: Denise Lavergne, left, claims her kiss was 'stolen'

And now — despite the photographer's insistence *that he paid a brace of young* actors to fake it — a couple, Denise and Jean-Louis Lavergne, have brought a suit under the French privacy law of 1985, claiming it was their kiss all the time, and that M Doisneau therefore owes them £60,000. The alleged female model, meanwhile, wants double that. But as the peak camera and camcorder season begins in earnest this weekend, not to mention the smooching season, the row makes fascinating contemplation. It strikes a deep chord of primitive outrage.

For who has not been taken aback to find themselves an unwilling model for a stranger's picture? Leave the paparazzi and the celebrities out of it — that game has its own rules — and consider the rest of us. Who can be entirely comfortable with the thought that they are being giggled over on some Hamburg or Tokyo coffee table? I suppose Beefeaters get used to it, but even they must be faintly irritated when they have just been scratching their nose with their halberd, and hear a whirring motor-drive indicating that some clever bastard is knocking off a comic study of dignity undermined.

Even worse is the thought of ending up in someone's significant grainy black-and-white social essay. There was a period when no Irish countrywoman could throw a shawl over her head without half-a-dozen artistic photographers springing out of the hedge to make postcards out of the telling shadow it cast over her myriad wrinkles. And what about the cardboard city sleepers, who could end up in the ultimate irony of wrapping their own, much-profited-by, image around themselves for warmth after a press photographer has been doing a gritty social-conscience story?

Primitive tribes, it is said, think the camera steals their soul. Scratch the surface, and we all do. Ask anybody who lives in a picturesque pink cottage and can't garden on summer afternoons without someone taking a view of their bum from the lane. Living on a farm with traditional haystacks and photogenic lambs, I have been peremptorily requested to move my car from my own drive to improve someone's dreamy nostalgic home video, and longed to bite him. One can see why in rural co. Antrim urchins with donkeys sometimes take a firm line and present price-lists to tourists.

Yet the most they can legally do is gallop off on the donkey, or pull on Terminator II baseball caps over their picturesque red hair. A morning with Don Cassell's *The Photographer and the Law* only confirmed my resigned instinct that in this country, as long as the photographer's feet are in a public place and nowhere near a court or military installation, he can snatch any image at all of any of us, and keep (since 1989) all manner of "moral rights" for ever. The libel laws enforce a certain care with captions and cropping; but if he just wants the picture for fun, you have had it. Even trespassers, Mr Cassell robustly says, "retain copyright in the photographs and right to possession of the film".

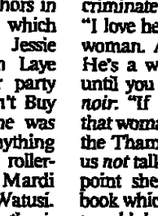
Ah well, God bless liberty. The best way to personal privacy this summer is the simplest and most drastic: wear a shell-suit at all times.

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'You care about your children. I care about my authors and their books. And things drive me mad! They do, sweety pie!'

Carmen Callil, founder of Virago and head of Chatto for a decade, is about to charm and terrify a wider world of book publishing



THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW



PETER TREVINO

Single-minded: told that an author who had just had a baby had had the first four chapters of her novel stolen, she replied: 'That's nothing to do with me! I want that book!'

Carmen Callil excites attention in the world of publishing because she stands for danger, fire and ire. As the book business has become — like much else — bigger and greyer and run by suits worn by people whose names nobody remembers, Ms Callil remained Carmen, a name nobody forgets.

After weeks of whispers we now know: la Callil will no longer be managing director of Chatto, after 10 years in charge, but will erupt into a global figure with the grand title of Publisher at Large for the Random House group, including all its imprints in Britain and Australia, and Editor at Large for the Knopf group in America. What do these at-large titles, sitting absurdly on her small person, mean exactly? "Oh I expect I shall ponce about the world," she said, "driving everybody mad."

I cannot pretend this is a one-off interview: I have known her for 25 years, since she was a publicity girl. For years I associated her entirely with parties. She was always having dinners for authors in her Chelsea flat, after which she would play old Jessie Matthews and Evelyn Laye records and sing her party piece, "Daddy Wouldn't Buy Me a Bow-Wow". She was always game to do anything that involved fun, go roller-skating, dress up for Mardi Gras and dance the Watusi. Gripped by sudden enthusiasm for *The Rocky Horror Show*, she would buy a block of tickets for all her friends. But behind her raucousness lurked a steely businesswoman's determination. And when she became the big cheese at Chatto, famous enough to be profile-writers' fodder, it was a real shock to me to read that there were people who disliked or even feared her.

But then I was once walking in a north London park when I met a Chatto author looking tearful and disconsolate. Her book deadline loomed. She had just had a new baby, her fourth. A burglar had broken in and stolen her word processor, containing the disk with the first four chapters of her *Christabel* a month before its publication, because it chimed in with a timely news story. Unforgivable. "How could you do it?" she screamed. "I will never forgive you, never." Peace was made via Interflora; she sent pink peonies, and "pink peonies" is now shorthand in our household for all guilty apologies.

"But I did it for Margaret! The point is, I shout because I care. That's why I lose my temper so much. You care about your children. I care about my authors and their books. And things drive me mad! They do, sweety pie! In all these rows I am always defending someone. I have not finished with defending Antonia [White, whose two feuding daughters have written about her] I can tell you. I'm not a good forgiver. It's a terrible flaw. But I think most people put up with too much."

The role change takes place on July 15, the day she turns 55, a good age at which to renounce the daily grind. "I mean, for example, I wash the towels for the office every Friday. I'm not going to do that any more. I'm not going to have arguments with bureaucrats about some piddling thing. I am not going to do the holiday rota. But authors, their manuscripts, their covers, I will still do."

She mentions Iris and Antonia and William and Julian and Marina and David (Murdoch, Byatt, Shawcross, Barnes, Warner, Malouf) and travelling to New York and Australia more often. It sounds to me, I said, as if Frances Coady, the new group publisher, and Jonathan Burnham, the new publishing director of Chatto, will get all the dross to handle while she gets all the fun? "Well isn't it about time?" she said.

"People who drone on for ever are a bore. I had supper with Roy Foster the other day and they were talking about The Doors. I have never heard of The Doors in my entire life. It's the turn of the younger people. Frances is 33, Jonathan is 30, they're the age I was when I started Virago."

Ah, Virago, justly celebrating 20 years next month. Nobody can doubt Carmen Callil's unique and inspirational importance in founding Virago. Not since Allen Lane and his sixpenny orange Penguins in the 1930s had anyone devised an imprint which is so distinctive, dependable, and essential in the service of the reader. When she invented it, the very name Virago (with its belligerent, shrewish, Amazonian overtones) was scorned. But without Virago classic reprints, trawled from out-of-print lists and second-hand bookshops, many readers would never have discovered Antonia White, Vera Brittain, Rosamund Lehmann, Rebecca West, Willa Cather and Elizabeth von Arnim, (to cite the more obvious ones) or Callil's favourite Henry Handel Richardson, whose reputations had been eclipsed by time and a male-dominated literary world. The idea, the dark green covers, the alluring paintings rootled from obscure galleries, were Callil's. Although she points out that it has become politically incorrect to take credit for yourself. "I am not a collective person," she says. "I don't believe that everyone is the same as everyone else."

> 'I shout because I care. That's why I lose my temper'

She says her life is not interesting — "Darling I do think this is incredibly boring" — but everyone who heard her story on *Desert Island Discs* when Sue Lawley asked her when she lost her virginity ("22," she replied obligingly) was fascinated. Her Lebanese academic father — the name had been Khalil — died when she was eight, but bequeathed his library; her mother, equally book-mad, is Irish. The nuns she so hated at her convent school were only interested in trying to make her a lady: hopeless. But her education was rigorous and sound. "Reading Dickens made me what I am today," Callil says. Without that education, she asks, where will readers be found for the kind of books she likes to publish?

She left Melbourne, where one brother now runs a brasserie called Callil's, and another carries on the family rag trade, for Britain on the day she graduated. She took to British men, and they to her. Her love affairs with Paul Hamlyn, the millionaire publisher, and with the writer Michael Holroyd, have remained friendships: Hamlyn supported Virago by guaranteeing bank overdrafts, as did his friend Robert Gavron the printer. "People do look after me. I have had a very happy life in that way." She has decided she wouldn't have been any good at marriage, unless to a romantic Mr Rochester. "Well it is irritating to be with someone else all the time, don't you think?"

Anyway, work consumes all her time. "I have served my authors. That's what I do, that's all I do." "And you have made money." "Oh yes! But I spend it straight away. I am not Rupert Murdoch. I made money when we sold Virago and when we sold to Random House. But I think I earned every penny of it. I didn't get a fortune: I got a modest, vast sum. Bought this house, and my little French house." Everyone who visits her house at the shabbier end of Notting Hill is engulfed in its accumulation of old things — bric-a-brac of the most tasteful kind, much given by grateful authors — and its displays of old books from her bibliophile father's collection. Even her office, behind its faceless concrete exterior, is unmistakably Carmen, with flowers and canaries and old sofas covered in Liberty prints.

"A woman from *The World of Interiors* came to see my house, because someone had suggested featuring it," she said, "and she looked round every room, and then she said, 'No. I don't think it's suitable.' I can't tell you how I laughed."

An everyday story of violence and mayhem

Brookside comes to Borsetshire as armed robbery and secret passion invade the rural idyll of *The Archers*

We had a bit of excitement in our village the other week. A car rammed the wall of the television-repair shop opposite the village store. Within seconds there were people scurrying everywhere and urgent telephone calls to the doctor.

In fact, all that had happened was that an elderly man had accidentally let slip the handbrake on his parked Renault 5 which then trundled gently into the wall. His wife was worried he might have had a heart attack; he had not. But then this was Oxfordshire, not Ambridge, and we can't all have the exciting lives of the Archers.

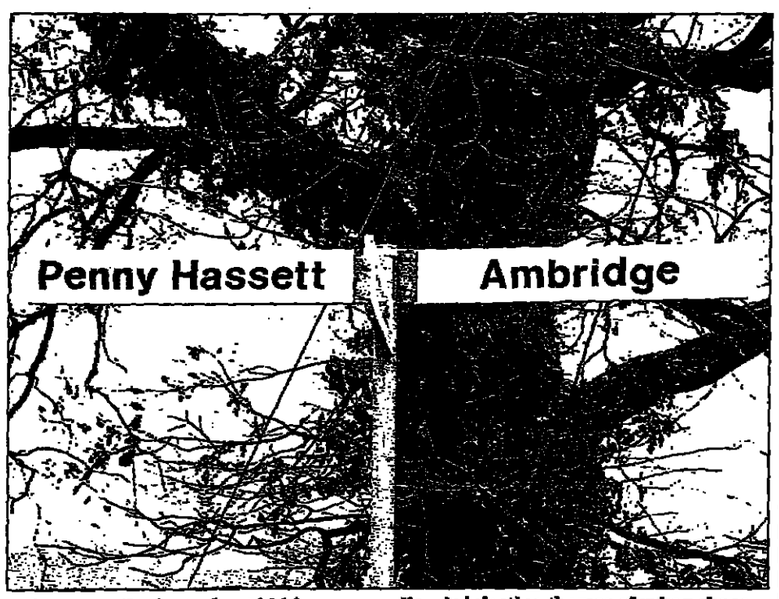
Things are different in Ambridge these days: the village shop in Radio 4's *The Archers* is raided by armed robbers, one of whom is the brother of a village housewife and father of an illegitimate child — named Kylie no less — whose working-class mother, Sharon, is having a torrid, across-the-class-barrier, on-air affair with 17-year-old John, one of the respectable Archers themselves.

Not only did the villains ruthlessly take both old people and young girls hostage but one of them is still on the loose toting the gun. The owner of the shop, old Jack Woolley, had a heart attack.

On Wednesday night's programme there were oblique hints that he may be psychologically damaged, though less perhaps than elderly listeners who a few weeks ago found themselves transported into the delivery room surrounded by the graphic sound effects of Ruth Archer giving birth. Lambing is one thing, the labour ward is quite another.

Not long ago *The Archers* was considered the antithesis of excitement: a rural idyll broadcast across the nation, much loved by its 3 million devoted listeners in city and country alike. Now, under the high-revving attention of editor Vanessa Whitburn, who used to produce the Merseyside suburbia soap *Brookside*, the aim is for plots rich in "rural realism".

Perhaps there is something to it, with government figures showing the highest rise in crime rates registered in the countryside. Certainly Tom, who runs our village shop, is no stranger to violence: he came back from Banbury cinema the other week raving about the unremittingly gory *Reservoir Dogs*. But most violence in the village is confined to his video rental selection.



Where next? *The Archers*' bid for more realism is injecting themes of urban chaos

Not that village life is without drama. Of course there are occasional complaints about late-night rowdiness outside the public house. There have even been incidents of vandalism: Tom had his shop window broken once.

We had the fire engine roar in a while ago, sirens blaring, as it stopped outside The Bell public house and men in helmets, yellow waterproofs and donkey jackets dashed in with hosepipes.

A few sparks flickering up the stovepipe chimney had landed on the old wooden beams inside the cavernous inglenook fireplace and had been smouldering for a couple of days before anyone noticed the escape of smoke. The firemen soon dealt with it.

But by and large, village life is less exciting than the BBC would have us believe. The main events in our village over recent months have been the opening of a new school and, a more tragic comment on the changing nature of English rural life, the closure of the butcher's shop: and, most recently, the end of the twice-weekly bank service. The giant supermarket chains, which boast of "changing the way Britain shops", pose more of a threat to the real-life Mr Woolleys than armed robbers.

Miss Whitburn and the Archers' scriptwriters might well argue that they are stretching reality no more than the television soaps such as *EastEnders*. But is that really what the listeners, particularly the city-bound, want when they tune in to Ambridge? I suspect not.

The Archers has always prided itself on its awareness of real agricultural matters — keeping up with complicated developments such as European Community set-aside regulations for example — and dealing with them accurately.

But there is an important difference between fiction and faction, between fantasy and newsreel. Newsreader Martyn Lewis is currently putting himself to pains to argue that television news concentrates too much on calamities; this argument is much more valid when applied to a long-running series such as *The Archers*, which relies for its pulling power more on continuity than novelty. Listeners do not require their characters to be traumatised in order to keep their attention.

Escapism does not necessarily mean excitement. It can also take the form of 15 minutes' refuge in a world that moves behind the times rather than with them, a fantasy that is comfortable rather than thrilling. Perhaps just a touch less Ian Fleming and a little more Postman Pat would do.

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Janet Daley



■ If the *Observer* is to be resurrected, it must accept that liberalism has moved on

To adapt Camus: the *Observer* died today. Or perhaps it was yesterday. Of course, I take liberties. *The paper has not* expired. The fallen hero will leave his death bed, supported by his comrades in arms (*The Guardian*) and carry on the fight against his enemy (*The Independent on Sunday*), who would otherwise pursue a scorched earth policy. But what is this feeble creature which lifts its head bravely from the pillow to protest that it is not finished yet?

Is it the great digest of British liberalism which once relayed the received wisdom of the opinion-forming classes? Sadly, it is not. Does one look still to the *Observer* for a definitive education in enlightened social and cultural attitudes? Alas, no. And is this loss of hegemony purely a result of unfortunate management? Again, the answer must be no.

The sense in which the *Observer* has died (even if its remains are about to be reconstituted) is the sense in which what it stood for and chronicled has gone. I do not say this in any spirit of New Right triumphalism. The death of any newspaper — especially a literate and intelligent one — is always sad.

> What the paper relied on was the consensus of *bien pensants*

But with even the best of wills, there was something inevitable about this fatality. Even though the title survives, there will have to be some traumatic new thinking: the old *Observer* was afflicted with terminal smugness. What it relied upon was a warm, mutually affirming unanimity: the post-war consensus of *bien pensant* thinking, the assumptions of which were so secure that whole swathes of argument were taken out of the arena of public discourse.

At just what point it became possible to question sacred doctrine is for history to decide. Exactly when did the dinner parties of Hampstead intellectuals cease to be scandalised upon discovering a critic of trade unions in their midst? In what year did fashionable parents become disenchanted with progressive schooling? When did sexual liberation begin to look like a charter for exploitation? I suspect that it all began to fall apart in the late 1970s, when a great many grown-ups discovered that there really are two sides to a lot of questions, the asking of which had once been beyond the pale.

This is not just a matter of political disillusion. Certainly there is a connection between the disarray of the Labour party and the trade union movement, and the decline of organs like the *Observer*. The 1978-79 winter of discontent and the absurd excesses of left-wing local government sent more than one rough beast slouching toward Bethlehem to be born. Once the indissoluble body of coherent left-wing thought began to give way, the splintering of the thinking classes could not be avoided. But the link between political confusion and newspaper loyalty is not a logically necessary one. After all, *The Guardian* once represented the same reader constituency, and it remains commercially successful.

If it is now to recreate the *Observer* in its own image, then the lessons of that viability will have to be passed on. The newly discovered interlocutors will have to be engaged, the arguments will have to be addressed, and the doubts about the old faith will have to be acknowledged. But I shall not bore you with newspaper business: it is almost certainly of less interest to you than to those of us in the media for whom it is life and death.

What matters even more than what happened to the *Observer* is what befell its readership. Earnestly determined through the 1950s — eating toast in front of the gas-fire — a generation wove a tapestry of right premises. The welfare state, anti-élitist education, the dismantling of cultural repression (which is to say, all forms of censorship or even public censure) were totems of the new thinking, which accommodated, oddly, many supporters of frankly totalitarian regimes on the other side of Europe.

By the 1960s, the social libertinism was unabashedly rampant and the political ideology more focused. Moral certainty was now a necessary credential for joining the club of which the *Observer* was the house organ: ideas to which you were opposed were not just wrong, they were "obscene".

Then came a new dawn: it began with a sizeable proportion of the middle class following an even larger contingent of the working class in deciding that Thatcherism might actually be on to something. This was brought to fruition by the collapse of communism.

Of course I know that the *Observer* is not now and never was a communist newspaper, and that most of its readers were not even fellow-travellers. But the loss of credibility of this ideological centre sent out ripples, which reached to the edges of the whole left-liberal spectrum. Fundamental ideas about wealth redistribution, enforced egalitarianism and class loyalty had to be looked at again to see whether they were not, after all, contaminated by the Marxist fallacy.

Perhaps the *Observer's* real failure was that instead of leading its flock through that confusion, it just ambled on, failing to notice that the crowd behind it had dispersed.

Profitable though they are for the pharmaceutical companies, sleeping pills are based on a fallacy

Time to wake up to the delusion of insomnia

Bernard Levin

Here we go again. Every ten years or so, I have to wheel out a profound truth for which I am blessed for life by those who believe it, and ignored, to their own later sorrow, by everybody else, who won't stay long enough to join the believers, or even to listen to me. I get — and want — nothing out of it, apart from those blessings, and a tiny, faint touch of optimism that when St Peter says "Who's making that frightful din and chipping the paint off the Gates?", I can say "I'm sorry about the noise, Sir, it's my knees knocking, but I did help a substantial number of people, when I was alive, to throw off an affliction that had truly been blighting their lives".

There I must leave the imagined heavenly dialogue; whether my plea will be accepted and I shall be given a modest corner in paradise, or whether I am classified as a charlatan and flung down into the other place, being chewed throughout eternity by all the lobsters I have eaten, we shall know, presumably, on Judgment Day. But until then, I shall continue to minister to that sorrowing band who suffer, and can see no end to their suffering, until they put themselves in my hands.

It all began, this time, with a controversy over a new "wonder-drug". Now new "wonder drugs", you should understand, are exactly as wonderful as the previous wonder-drugs were, and they are precisely as wonderful as the next lot will be. The customers naturally don't know the difference (often because there isn't much) and they go on happily swallowing the stuff, until it is finally shown to be ridden with appalling consequences, eg. Valium. When, in time, the next wonder-drug bursts upon the world, the very same pattern is followed, and unless an over-eager customer or two has to be removed in a long wooden box, the ritual is scrupulously followed, so the poor saps who believe it all continue munching the things in the belief that whatever they are suffering from will inevitably be cured, because it says so on the bottle.

Well, there is now controversy over a particular "wonder-drug" called Halcion; it had been sold for years in Britain as a sleeping-pill, and so popular was it in that form, that for more than ten years, a million and a half doses of it went down the British gullet in every one of those years. But when those doses — getting on for 20 million — had been swallowed (in this country we do move fast when the safety of the people is in question, don't we?), the drug's licence was abruptly withdrawn.

Now, so insane is the secrecy in which Britain is locked on all sides and in every possible way, that it is actually a serious criminal offence for anyone to reveal the results of safety tests on drugs, or even to reveal the reason for the withdrawal or refusal of a licence. Campaigners for information on such trivial matters as whether a particular drug will harm you, your family and your dog, have gone to the United States, where they have been freely, legitimately and openly provided with the knowledge, and returned to a state of affairs which prohibited using that knowledge, even if it disclosed that some drug or other is inevitably lethal. (One of these days, our prime minister will stop quacking about secrecy and do something about it instead. The day in question, however, is likely to dawn about the next *millennium but three.*)

Anyway, the battle over this "wonder-drug", Halcion, has been going back and forth, not only in Britain but in other countries. Naturally, the purveyors of the drug proclaim its harmlessness and want their licence restored, whereas those who claim it has very serious side-effects insist that the licence should remain refused. Committees and commissions strew the ground, professors of these matters are to be found in every newspaper and television programme, and the noise-level is rapidly becoming intolerable.

And all for nothing, which is where I come in. I take no sides on the question of Halcion's safety and efficacy, not just because I have no scientific qualifications that would allow me to do so, but for a far greater and better reason. Halcion is a sleeping-pill; the millions of them that have been swallowed were used to bring sleep to the sleepless. The scourge of insomnia has thousands upon thousands of people in this country in its grip, an affliction that over the years has been powerful enough to provoke breakdown in many, and even suicide.

And yet I tell you, as I have told many before, not jesting nor using metaphors, that *there is no such thing as insomnia.*

Laugh, get angry, curse me for a madman: here I stand, and I know whereof I speak. Throw away your Halcion at once, and every other aid to sleeping sound — other drugs, counting sheep, your grandmother's red flannel drawers round your neck — all you have to do is to believe what I am now about to tell you.

When I say that there is no such thing as insomnia, I mean it in the most literal sense. *The fact is that the mind and the body always will, between them, take as much sleep as they need, and neither more nor less.* Please trust me for a moment, put aside your own painful experiences, commit that sentence to memory, and allow me to continue.

If, the sceptic says, there is no such thing as insomnia, why am I now awake, staring at the ceiling, with the prospect of a dreadful day before me, half-awake and entirely bad-tempered? Because, dear sceptic, you think you should be asleep, and you are not; all you have to do is to kill that word should, in the sure knowledge that if you *should* be asleep, you *would* be asleep. It is that terrible should — the should meaningless, the should treacherous, the should superfluous, the should genuinely dangerous, that deceives you. Over a very short span, not more than a day or two, your sleep needs will effortlessly adjust themselves, every time.

If you are awake, in bed, do not worry; read a book — preferably a serious one that demands close attention. When it falls on your chest, put it aside and go to sleep. If it is so gripping that you can't put it down, still don't worry. Cling to your mantra, now in the first person: if I should be asleep, I would be asleep.

Why do you suppose that people, on a very close average, sleep for much the same time every night? Some need only four or five hours, some need seven or eight, but whatever your ration is (and nobody has yet solved the mystery of why we all have a particular sleep-span), it is amazingly steadfast. If you don't believe me, believe Albert Speer, the war criminal. He was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment, with no hope of earlier release. One day, he realised that if he slept a couple of hours longer every night, the oblivion would add up to a huge remission, because when he was asleep the sentence was not, so to speak, being carried out. But he found it impossible to sleep more than his normal and natural span. (There is even evidence of men condemned to death who slept *their* normal quantity, though they knew that they were to be executed in the morning.)

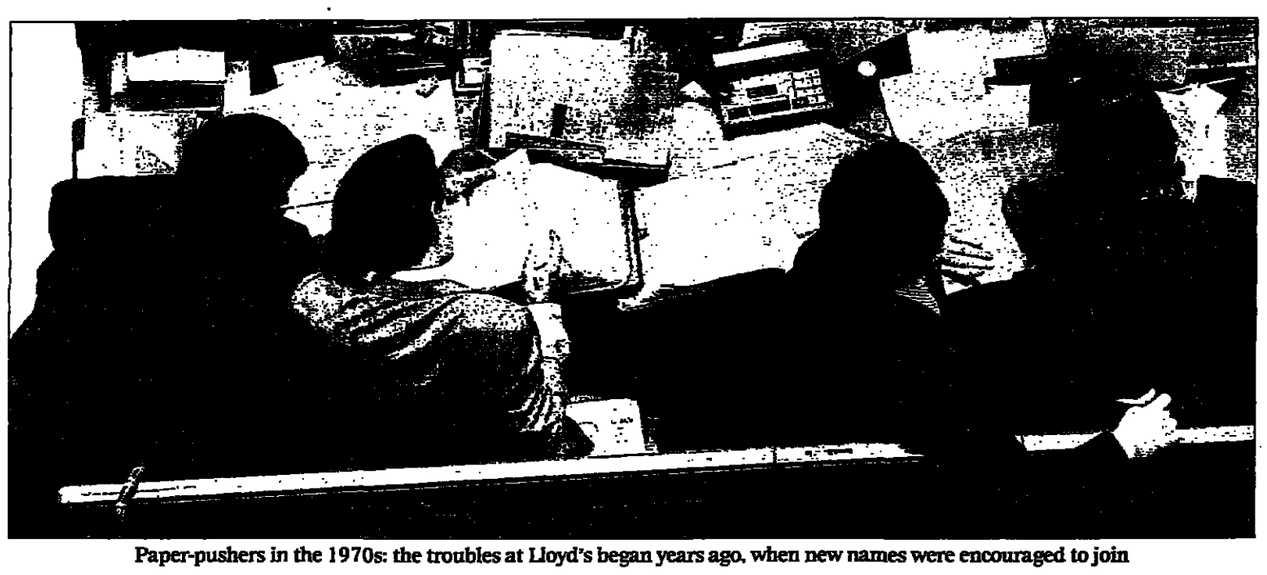
Now you know what I was talking about when I started this column, boasting of my therapeutic powers. Of course, they are not *my* therapeutic powers, indeed, they are not therapeutic powers at all. They compose merely a trivial piece of almost obvious information, which needs only a few words to bring a non-trivial peace of mind to anyone who will listen and, for a moment, believe.

It works: believe me, it works. I have found that a face-to-face explanation is more likely to "take" than a published one, like this; but I can hardly marshal a queue round the premises of *The Times*, or even bellow the instructions through a loud-hailer, nor can I do it as a television programme, because the instruction lasts, in its entirety, only some two and a half minutes.

I am sorry for Halcion; if my readers have taken my advice wholesale, it won't matter whether the drug is freed or must remain unlicensed, for there will be no customers either way. But did you know that scores of millions of laxative pills and potions are consumed in this country each year, none of which — literally none at all — have any use whatever? Perhaps Halcion could go into that business.

Less safe than houses

Godfrey Hodgson, author of a study of Lloyd's, diagnoses its problems



Paper-pushers in the 1970s: the troubles at Lloyd's began years ago, when new names were encouraged to join

Like so many ancient British institutions, including public schools and the monarchy, the Lloyd's insurance market is in its modern essentials a product of the last third of the 19th century. Now, in some desperation, its governing Council proposes to give members the option of limited liability, and to admit investment from limited liability companies for the first time. These are far more radical changes than the reforms in the last Lloyd's Act in 1982.

They will transform the character of Lloyd's as an insurance market more fundamentally than anything that has happened since the innovations of the late-Victorian period: when Sir Winston Churchill's father-in-law, Sir Henry Hozier, was building up Lloyd's as an institution, F.W. Marten invented the modern syndicate, and Cuthbert Heath introduced the underwriting of non-marine business, especially for America. In retrospect, it is easy to see that Lloyd's troubles go back to the secret Cromer report of 1968. Heavy losses in the middle of the 1960s had led some 10 per cent of the names to resign. The answer proposed by the Earl of Cromer and accepted by the Committee of Lloyd's was to bring in new classes of names. Up to that point, membership had been restricted in practice mainly to two categories of people: insurance professionals and the very rich, especially those with large, inert capital assets such as landed estates: in short, to players and gentlemen. In the 1970s, women, foreigners and the middle classes were to be encouraged to become names.

It has often been said that the result was to lower the ethical tone. That is nonsense. There have been crooks at Lloyd's — many of them plausibly gentlemanly — as long as the market has existed. If in the 1970s dishonesty became rather more general, it was for three other reasons. First, high taxes created a culture in which preserving the capital and income of the well-to-do from taxation became an obsession, not only with taxpayers but with their professional advisers as well. Second, and in part as a consequence, Lloyd's came into contact with the offshore culture, the whole purpose of which was to avoid not only taxation but regulation as well. Third, in a period of high interest rates, it became tempting to "write for premium": to rake in as much premium income as possible, and worry later about how good the risks or the rates on the business would turn out to be.

With the combination of these factors, temptations inevitably arose. They were not always resisted, even by those who were responsible, under the regime of self-regulation, for policing the market.

The Rubicon was crossed with the F.H. ("Tim") Sasse case in 1980. A syndicate had discovered that its underwriter had been conned by insurance fraudsters in the United States. The names' lawyers argued that Lloyd's had been in breach of its own fundamental rules for years. Lloyd's was advised that it could not afford to fight the case. It settled, raiding the central fund to do so. But the central fund was intended to compensate not unlucky or imprudent names, but those insured by Lloyd's.

A fatal fuse was now burning. More and more syndicates discovered that they faced huge losses, sometimes from sheer bad luck, sometimes as a result of reckless "writing for premium", sometimes because of theft by their agents. Members became less and less willing to pay up, more and more inclined to reach for their lawyers.

The men who now run Lloyd's can fairly point to the reforms that have been brought in. There is however something of the horse and stable-door about many of their expedients. Names stand to lose £6 billion. Many have had to sell their houses. Some face ruin. Names have resigned in their thousands, and many more have reduced their exposure to the market by cutting back on the number of syndicates they join.

This is why Lloyd's announced yesterday that it is modifying the traditional insistence that names be committed to accepting risks with unlimited liability. Contrary to much conventional journalistic wisdom, unlimited liability has been a great advantage for Lloyd's in the past. It has been a flexible way of making far more capital available to back the market than had to be paid for. A limited liability company which had to give shareholders an incentive to raise capital equal to the total wealth of all the Lloyd's members would have to pay out hundreds of millions in dividends.

However, given the erosion of Lloyd's capital base which has already taken place — not to mention the future losses that are hanging over the market — the council is probably right to believe that Lloyd's has no alternative but to seek new sources of capital. There is also, now no longer lurking in the shadows, the larger question: whether the Lloyd's market can survive in the long run. After yesterday's press conference, as before it, Lloyd's will continue to be a crucial, if specialised, cog in the great world mechanism of business insurance. All things considered, it will be better to raise capital on a commercial basis, rather than by a method that has become hopelessly confused with irrelevant considerations of social status. Still, unlimited liability does have real commercial advantages. It remains to be seen whether Lloyd's will be able to raise enough new capital to compensate for their loss. The step Lloyd's has taken may be inevitable. It may also be another step in the direction of extinction.

Euro Chasm

AN OMINOUS anti-Maastricht shadow is hanging over the Tories in Newbury. It takes the form of Sir Richard Body, an experienced backbench MP with a habit of unsettling those members of his party who toe the government line on Europe.

Sir Richard's constituency, Holland with Boston, is a long way from Newbury; but that will bring little consolation to Julian Davidson, the Conservative party candidate. The pro-referendum campaigner's farmhouse at Stafford Dingley is in the heart of the Newbury constituency, and there isn't a single "Vote Davidson" poster to be seen.

Only last week, Sir Richard was in the chair at an anti-Maastricht meeting in the Berkshire town. The meeting was addressed by Lord Tebbit, who supports Newbury Concern Over Maastricht. More recently, Sir Richard's wife, Marion, was seen handing out referendum forms sent to the constituency by *The Times*. Yesterday, neither would say which candidate would get their votes. But with three anti-Maastricht candidates standing, Davidson must be painfully aware that he is not certain of support from an MP in his own party.

Sir Richard yesterday came close to endorsing Dr Alan Sked, chairman of the Anti-Federalist League, who stood against Chris Patten in Bath at the last election and is standing again.

"There is a great deal of frustration and anger in the town and among our own supporters," he said. "Alan Sked is an outstanding example of an anti-Maastricht candidate. He will attract many protest votes."

Will he vote for Sked? "I will make no comment about that, but I have always been and always want to be a Conservative. But there will be a few protest votes."

● *One would have thought that a town crier would be called upon mainly for the quality of his voice. But that has not always been the case where Allen Bills, a crier in Bristol, is concerned. Not long ago, Friends of the Earth asked Bills to lead a parade in full regalia, but the organiser told him he must neither ring his bell nor shout: "She said it amounted to noise pollution."*

Monsoon time

SIR BERNARD INGHAM has never been one to pull punches. Yesterday was no exception as he came to the support of Gus O'Donnell, the prime minister's beleaguered press secretary. He firmly blamed John Major and his ministers for appearing to be a government which lurches from crisis to crisis.



DIARY

"My successor has been living through a veritable monsoon since David Mellor, the former minister of fun, was found enjoying himself too much with Antonia de Sancha," he wrote in yesterday's issue of *PR Week*.

"I know O'Donnell is not the author of the government's present troubles. He did not design his prime minister. He has to work with the government he has got and the circumstances he inherited.

"It was John Major who had presided over a pre-election spending spree. It was the speculators who expelled him from the ERM as high interest rates crucified industry." Sir Bernard is moved to console his successor, saying that he, too, would have been criticised. "By now, I would have been stabbed in the front as well as the back. But then I worked for a woman prime minister."

● *Just one hiccup in the champagne celebrations at* The Guardian. *Martyn Hayhow, the photographer despatched for the story to the* Observer's *south London offices, was greeted less than cordially. He was refused permission to photograph the editor, Donald Trelford, and thrown out of the newsroom. Trelford's last stand, perhaps?*

On a happier note

PETER SISSONS may appear to have upset his old chum Martyn Lewis over their disagreement on whether news should be jolly or gloomy, but he is now doing his best to play it down. "We have had a professional, not a personal disagreement," insists Sissons. "It's nonsense. We are good mates and I've left a message to apologise." "I have been misquoted and am talking to my lawyers."

Alas, Andreas

ONE suspects that very little will console Andreas Whittam Smith, editor and chief executive of *The Independent*, as news of *The Guardian's* successful bid for the *Observer* sinks in. Whittam Smith, according to a book to be published next month, has been trying to buy the *Observer* (and many other publications besides) since 1988.

Stephen Glover, one of the three founders of *The Independent*, writes in *Paper Dreams* that in the Christmas of 1988, Whittam Smith discussed buying the paper with Ralph Ingersoll, an American publisher looking for acquisitions in Europe: "Andreas conducted himself throughout proceedings as though he had found himself for the first time in an Arab bazaar. This cautious attitude seemed to surprise Ralph," writes Glover.

Whittam Smith failed to secure it then but he was undaunted and met Donald Trelford, for breakfast six months later in London, even though plans for *The Independent on Sunday* were well advanced. Trelford's words at the time were prophetic: "I've really been editor of the *Observer* for far too long a time, and my only concern now is to secure the future of the paper." He has done so, it seems — and without help from Whittam Smith.



A royal open sesame

A princely hand appears to lie behind yesterday's surprise decision to open Buckingham Palace to the public — despite the official line that the Queen acted after consulting her advisers.

Lord St John Fawsley, chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission, may have been involved, for he has been in close touch with the Royal Household over the restoration of Windsor Castle.

But the real reason Buckingham Palace has thrown its gilded gates open (albeit it for a hefty £8 per head) is that the Prince of Wales has been lobbying hard for such a move. "He is very much in favour of this. Now that he is chairman of the trustees of the royal collection, he has clearly been able to persuade the Palace to act on it," says one of his architectural courtiers. And he should know.

Wren 'told to give up her baby'

THE BELL TOLLS

Lloyd's new proposals will bring more change than appears

For three hundred years, the elders of Lloyd's of London thought the key to operating as an insurance market for underwriting risks was that the individual names who take those risks under its banner were liable up to their last penny for claims. Suddenly, its ruling council has found otherwise. Incorporated names are to be recruited to trade next year, introducing the concept of limited liability. Sadly this will be too late for the hundreds who face ruin.

Limited liability is only one element in a new business plan, drawn up by Lloyd's with a professionalism wholly lacking until it was engulfed in a long series of scandals, enquiries, losses and lawsuits. Yet it epitomises the new approach, adopted to stop a decline that threatened to undermine Lloyd's premier status in world insurance, and thereby London's status as the financial capital of the old world.

The forecast of a record loss for the 1990 underwriting year, which under Lloyd's rules is not due to close its books until the end of this year, shows the problem. Names may not be deserting in the droves once predicted but their capital is being eaten away. The incorporated professional underwriting, managing and members' agents feared their fees and commissions would likewise be whittled away. The big Lloyd's broking corporations feared their business would shrink fast if they could not place hefty lines of business in Lloyd's at a time when the insurance cycle has turned and losses should be replaced by good profits.

These professionals simply wanted to see more capital come into the market. Their proposals will transform Lloyd's far more thoroughly than now seems apparent. The advantage of unlimited liability was that it allowed wealthy people to take on much more business relative to the capital they tied up than conventional insurance companies. While ruin could strike in bad times, profits could be high in good or even average years.

To maintain Lloyd's historic reputation as a good and reliable payer of claims, capital will have to rise relative to the risks taken, and costs will be raised by bigger central funds needed to guarantee claims will be paid. Neither the new investors nor, thanks to another reform, the traditional names, will risk absolute ruin. In the long run, however, profits will not be so high and the appeal of unlimited liability to the wealthy will wane. This need not happen yet. Heavy cuts are planned in overheads, where lavishness is symbolised by the landmark Lloyd's building. Once costs have been cut and profits settle back, limited liability is likely to become the norm.

This is not recognised in the Lloyd's business plan. In consequence, the future of Lloyd's has not been thought out clearly. Plans to draw in new capital are, for instance, matched by other plans to limit the growth of capital in answer to earlier scandals. The new investors deserve and will demand rules of investor protection that apply to other investments. These are incompatible with the status of the traditional Lloyd's name as a sole trader, more akin to a partner in a syndicate and a member-proprietor in the market. The complex network of agencies and restrictive practices has little place in conventional investment. Indeed, a new class of licensed adviser is to be created alongside the traditonal agent to bridge the gap.

Such messy pragmatism is understandable. A year ago, the existence of Lloyd's was in doubt. But the price of securing a future is that, far from resolving the issues, Lloyd's new business plan will usher in more years of argument and change.

BORN TO TROUBLE

Italy's rejuvenation cannot start too soon

No sooner was Italy's 52nd postwar government sworn in yesterday than it faced its first crisis. In a victory for the bad old ways, the Italian parliament blocked the prosecution of Bettino Craxi, the former prime minister and socialist party leader, on the most serious charges against him, of corruption and receiving stolen goods. His immunity was lifted only for lesser charges of breaking the law on funding political parties. Against the background of the referendums earlier this month, which demanded by huge majorities a clean break with the country's discredited postwar political culture, parliament has provided stunning confirmation that Italy's old guard is incapable of reform.

The vote makes President Scalfaro's choice of Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the highly esteemed governor of the Bank of Italy, as prime minister appear all the more inspired. Genuinely above politics, he is one of the few men in Italian public life who understands the seriousness of the country's twin political and economic crises, has clear ideas about what needs to be done and has a solid record of success, at the Bank of Italy, in pushing through reforms. Yesterday he stressed that his main tasks are to steer the passage from old to new, preparing Italy for early elections based on a new majority voting system and restoring sanity to public finances. He has promised "irreversible change" to the way Italy is governed and to make electoral reforms his "absolute first priority".

The way he set about forming the government augurs promisingly. Nearly half the new team are ministers for the first time and only nine are members of parliament. And, despite a depressingly familiar row over departmental responsibilities between two ministers which delayed the swearing-in ceremony, Signor Ciampi assembled his cabinet at near-record speed.

He did so by eschewing the customary consultations with party bosses, thus avoiding the weeks of backroom trading that have accompanied the birth of most Italian governments. The coalition, which brings members of the former Communist Party into government for the first time since 1947, excludes no major party except the federalist newcomer, the Northern League. The omission of the Northern League has led Umberto Bossi, the leader of the League, to declare outright war. Local elections are due in June in several northern cities, including Milan, and Signor Bossi has sworn to make these "the Stalingrad of the regime".

This looming battle merely confirms that electoral reforms must not be delayed: to spin out negotiations on a new system would be a suicide note for the established parties. But yesterday's rallying behind Signor Craxi suggests that they may be willing to sign it, rather than face the voters under a system which would render them properly accountable. The new prime minister must act early, while his authority is at its greatest.

Italian public life needs restructuring in other, equally important ways, beginning with controlling its enormous budget deficit. Signor Ciampi, a consistent opponent of profligate public spending, is committed to restoring public finances even if this means deep cuts in spending and increased taxes. In the trough of Italy's deepest recession in 20 years, these will be thoroughly unpopular. So will be the toll of job losses if he accelerates the privatisation of Italy's huge, padded, state sector — a step crucial both for raising revenue and, even more importantly, rooting out a prime source of political corruption. In all this, the interim nature and technocratic bias of Signor Ciampi's government should be an asset. Italians have voted for change at the top, but radical reforms would sweep away a system of favours and petty dishonesty which ordinary Italians have quietly grown used to exploiting. Their response to the discovery that reform begins at home will be the real test of their will to create a new Italy.

PEOPLE'S PALACE

Repairing Windsor Castle can revive the House of Windsor

The British are famously good at palaces. From Holyrood to St James's, their monarchs' houses play roles as emblematic fossils from the past, royal offices and hot attractions for modern mass tourism. The government and Queen have combined past and present uses of their unique structures by deciding to open the public parts of Buckingham Palace to help to pay for the rebuilding of Windsor Castle.

Any palace worth its pillars is a palimpsest. It is a state symbol of a ruder past and a quaint treasury of national heritage, a stone record of history and a home for the monarch. Even at the entrance charge of £8 a head there will surely be long queues this summer to "visit the Queen" at Buckingham Palace, and to look at the royal collections of paintings and other works of art and bibelots that have seldom if ever been seen in public before. The money raised by this, and a new charge for entering the precincts of Windsor Castle, are expected to pay for three-quarters of the cost of rebuilding Windsor.

This solution, announced yesterday, is both modern and ancient, traditional and imaginative. It makes the most of modern market forces to regulate and exploit the tides of tourism. But it also reverts to the old idea that a palace belongs to the people as well as the monarch. Until the arrival of mass travel and Victoria's secluded widowhood, crowds thronged the public rooms of royal palaces as far as they were allowed, to stare and to petition; and the monarch kept on moving to a new palace in the vain search for privacy.

How Windsor should be restored is a harder question than how it should be paid for. This is more problematic than Hampton Court, because Windsor is an architectural as well as a historical antheap. The battlemented and machicolated parts of it that look most like a medieval castle are antiquarian revival, the Disneyland of its time, by Wyatt for George IV.

The shiny grey outer walls have survived November's fire and will maintain the familiar silhouette that has recently become a signpost for travellers on the M4. Those rooms that have been only partly damaged can be restored to their former pseudo-Gothic grandeur, which suits both the Regency stereotype of a palace and the expectations of modern tourists. Some rooms which were almost completely burnt, *pace* the dyed-in-the-pastiche traditionalists, should be rebuilt using the best of modern architecture and design, adding this generation's contribution to the patchwork quilt of Windsor, and leaving a contemporary memorial to the great fire. So the opening of Buckingham Palace is an imaginative step in the renovation of the House of Windsor.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Cyprus lesson for the UN in Bosnia

From Brigadier Francis Henn

Sir, The parallel is not exact, but it is interesting to compare UN actions at Srebrenica today with those at Nicosia in 1974. When fierce fighting erupted in Cyprus following Turkey's invasion, a ceasefire called for by the Security Council was accepted by both sides. Local fighting persisted nonetheless as Turkish forces, intent on its capture, continued to advance on Nicosia airport, then in Greek Cypriot hands.

To avert a general breakdown of the ceasefire the UN force commander, General Prem Chand, made a unilateral decision (immediately endorsed by the Secretary General, Dr Waldheim, without reference to the Security Council) to take over the whole airport complex and declare it a "UN protected area", from which armed forces of both sides were to be excluded. Only a handful of lightly armed UN troops was available for the task, but nonetheless the decision was implemented within a couple of hours, the Greek Cypriot forces withdrawing.

The Turks refused to accept the UN force's right to take this action (which certainly stretched the Security Council mandate) and, in the face of Prem Chand's warning (also endorsed by Waldheim) that any such attempt would be resisted by force, declared that it remained their intention to capture the airport. The Turks had overwhelming strength in ground-attack aircraft, tanks, artillery and heavily armed infantry, in sharpest contrast to the resources of the weak UN force.

So real and alarming was the Turkish threat that urgent appeals for support were made to London and New York. These led to the early arrival at the airport from the sovereign base areas of strong British armoured and infantry reinforcements and the dispatch overnight from the UK to Akrotiri of 12 RAF Phantoms. The latter were not placed under UN command, but it was made clear that, subject to clearance by London, their support could be called for at short notice by the UN force if attacked at the airport by Turkish forces, now only yards away.

These actions were complemented by powerful international pressures exerted on Ankara by New York, Washington and Nato, but particularly noteworthy were interventions by Harold Wilson, prime minister, and James Callaghan, foreign secretary, each of whom gave his Turkish opposite number unequivocal warning that Britain would not stand idly by should the Turkish forces attack.

These robust responses all took place within a few hours: there were no delays while options or draft Security Council resolutions were endlessly debated. Nor was there subsequent criticism in the council — and this at a time when it was so often balked by Cold War factors.

The firm resolve by British ministers, well aware of the risk that war with Turkey might ensue, had the desired effect. The Turks were deterred, the UN force was not attacked and the UN protected area remained inviolate. Is there not a lesson to be learned here?

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Moving to the left

From Mr Graham Bigg

Sir, The Institute of Advanced Motorists is to be congratulated on suggesting the idea of overtaking to the left on motorways (Motoring, April 23).

These roads and dual carriageways are under-utilised at the moment because drivers move to the right to protect their position in the queue. If drivers were allowed to overtake on both sides as they are in the United States more vehicles would use each lane, the roads would be used more efficiently and capital exenditure to widen them deferred.

There could be some initial increase in accidents, caused by vehicles moving left into the path of faster cars, until drivers learnt to use their nearside mirrors, but there would be a corresponding cut in accidents caused by frustration and tailgating (driving close to the vehicle in front).

We need political commitment to get a national debate on these ideas.

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Safe overtaking

From Mr C. J. N. Richardson

Sir, You state (Focus, April 20) that high acceleration makes for safe overtaking. This may be true if the driver of a Saab 9000 CS has been accustomed to a much slower car, but his caution may soon disappear.

Judgment on overtaking is based on the time available set against your car's performance. It is true that good acceleration can make overtaking a more frequent operation but specious to suggest that it is safer.

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Doubts over hospital league tables

From Dr Martin McKee and others

Sir, Your report (April 27) on the government plans to publish league tables of hospital death rates fails to recognise how complex this information is and the likelihood of perverse effects resulting from their uncritical use.

First, the health service is still failing to come to terms with the major reorganisation, over six years ago, of the way in which data are collected. Some major hospitals are still failing to code the diagnoses of 60 per cent of their patients.

Second, the existing information systems relate to episodes of care and not patients. A patient can only die once, but he or she can be admitted many times.

Third, variation in length of stay is a major influence on hospital mortality, as some hospitals with short lengths of stay send people home to die. Hospital mortality is much lower in California than in New York, but 30-day mortality is the same because California patients are discharged earlier.

The results presented in your report take no account of variation in severity of general surgery cases. Patients who are more severely ill are more likely to die and there are systematic differences in the patients treated by different hospitals.

Finally, in almost all cases, the numbers involved are so small as to make statistically significant comparisons meaningless. All of these issues have been the subject of extensive research in the United States.

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April 27.

From Dr Anthony Hopkins

Sir, Before the future patients of those hospitals that scored poorly in the league table, which you published on April 27, of hospitals "with highest percentage of operating theatre sessions cancelled" lose heart — and before their surgeons lose heart — your readers should be aware of some of the factors which may distort the published rankings.

Principal among these are the severity of the primary disease for which the patient is having his operation, the co-existence of other diseases, such as chest and vascular disease, and age. Unless the raw rankings of mortality are corrected for such "case-mix" factors, league tables are of little value.

The Health Care Financing Administration in the United States has constructed league tables of hospital mortality rates for a number of common conditions since 1987. Research has repeatedly shown that the more case-mix variables are used to adjust the rankings, the less difference there is between hospitals. Such differences as do remain are associated with structural characteristics of hospitals, such as the proportion of registered nurses and specialists, and an index of "high technology". These variables reflect expenditures on health care rather than professional skills.

League tables also have the potential for distorting care. Doctors may not appropriately advise elderly or poorer-risk patients to undergo procedures which may on balance benefit them, in order to avoid the chances of poor scores in the tables.

All of us who work in hospitals are aware of occasions when clinical care does not go smoothly, and of rare occasions when things frankly go wrong. Such matters are probably managed better by local clinical audit, rather than by trying to detect very small numbers of adverse events from routinely collected data.

It is essential that the methods of these new areas of health services research are tackled with the same methodological rigour as is biological and biomedical research, in which our academic clinicians are amongst the leaders in the world.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY HOPKINS
(Director, Research Unit),
Royal College of Physicians,
11 St Andrew's Place,
Regent's Park, NW1.
April 27.

From Mr M. L. Abel

Sir, It is surely right that the Department of Health should publish figures of deaths following surgical operations in NHS hospitals. The department should also supervise more thoroughly private hospitals and monitor deaths arising from operations carried out at such hospitals.

Often a victim of an unsuccessful operation at a private hospital dies in the NHS system. Statistics showing the number of patients' deaths occurring within, say, four weeks of leaving private hospitals should be collected and then made available.

Yours faithfully,
M. L. ABEL,
28 Waterpark Road,
Salford, Manchester.
April 28.

The princess and eating disorders

From Professor Emeritus Ivor H. Mills

Sir, The Princess of Wales showed great perception and insight in her address to the Conference on Eating Disorders in London (front page report, April 28).

She made three important points: first, that people with eating disorders are perfectionists. In a questionnaire study of such patients, which we published last year, we found that eating-disorder patients scored very highly compared with the control group on the question, "Are you a perfectionist?" The perfectionist attitude tends to run in families and so a child may develop an eating disorder at a surprisingly young age.

Secondly, she pointed out that our competitive society, which makes high demands on individuals, drives the perfectionist harder to achieve success.

Thirdly, the princess pointed out that eating-disorder behaviour becomes compulsive. The last point is important. Our study showed that anorexics and bulimics scored as highly on compulsion-related questions as the group with so-called "compulsive personality" (like "workaholics") without eating problems.

The combination of these three factors leads to the high relapse rate in these patients: they drive themselves to the limit again. They then enter what the princess called a "spiral of secret despair". Hence the deaths of anorexics and bulimics are frequently from suicide. The score on depression-related questions was as high in eating-disorder as in depressed patients without eating problems.

But, we may ask: "Why starve?" The answer is in a work on fasting by Dr Benedict, published in 1915. He showed that starvation excites the brain, makes it more efficient and better able to tackle problems.

Then, we should ask: "Why binge?" In America Dr Fullerton has shown that bingeing on carbohydrate rapidly raises the blood sugar, which releases the morphine-like substance endorphin, which calms you down. Then you work better. Alcohol, bulimics find, does the same.

We should be grateful to the Princess of Wales for emphasising these important points, which may help patients, their relatives and perhaps some doctors to cope better with eating disorders.

Yours faithfully,
IVOR H. MILLS,
University of Cambridge Clinical
School, Department of Surgery,
Addenbrooke's Hospital,
Trumpington Road, Cambridge.
April 28.

School reports

From Dr V. P. Smith

Sir, At my state grammar school in the 1960s we were tested every month. Our parents received a report each term showing our ranking in each subject, compared with the rest of the class. This didn't seem to cause undue stress, either to us or to our teachers. Our parents had a concise, accurate and honest indication of our progress.

My children now attend a comprehensive school. I receive reports, partly self-written, once a year. These are ten times longer than mine were, and contain little useful information. They give me no idea about the children's real progress and academic potential. They leave me confused and worried.

Teaching methods are now more expensive and sophisticated than ever, and school-leavers seem to be increasingly ignorant and uncultured. Why should anxious middle-class parents have to consider paying £6,000 per child per year at a private school, just to obtain a type of education which, a generation ago, cost our own parents nothing?

Yours faithfully,
VAUGHAN SMITH,
Bryher, Lyngford Lane,
Taunton, Somerset.
April 23.

From Mr Victor Black

Sir, If teachers of English cannot find a better description of their opposition to government policy than "industrial action", perhaps it is they who need testing.

Yours faithfully,
VICTOR BLACK,
Lower Farm House,
Coln Rogers, Gloucestershire.
April 21.

Good and bad news

From Wing Commander R. Dauncey

Sir, Well said, Martyn Lewis, in his remarks about television news programmes focusing too much on "bad" news (Media, April 28). The national news bulletins are bad enough, but the BBC's regional news in our part of the country is known to our family as "rape and pillage in the South East" for its usually unrelieved catalogue of crime and despair.

I find it interesting that some of his BBC colleagues (report, April 29) consider his views naive, and one virtually categorises the selection of "good" news as propaganda. Presumably, only "bad" news is objective.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD DAUNCEY,
Lermoos, 34 Main Road, Naphill,
High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.
April 29.

Church fears

From Canon Michael Bourdeaux

Sir, Ruth Gledhill's sympathetic and timely article on the Russian Orthodox Cathedral in London (April 17) perhaps needs a minor caveat.

Although it is true in general that the Church in Russia has been "freed from repression", there has been a development that threatens this gain. Last November Ruslan Khasbulatov, speaker of the Russian parliament, signed a decree establishing, without even minimal democratic authority, an "experts' consultative council" on religion, which could well reinstate the old government control that used to be exercised by the Council for Religious Affairs under the auspices of the KGB.

The fact that the nine denominations and religions are to be represented on this council may seem to minimise the danger, but Metropolitan Kirill of Smolensk, perhaps the most influential spokesman of the Russian Orthodox Church, has forthrightly condemned the move and intimated that there should not be co-operation with the new body, presumably fearing a curb on the Church's freedom.

Last month I accompanied some American lawyers to Moscow for a two-day conference with Yuri Rozenbaum, chairman of the new council, and some of its members, and my impression is to share the Metropolitan's misgivings.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL BOURDEAUX
(Director), Keston Research,
PO Box 276, Oxford.
April 20.

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An arduous climb

From Mr Maurice Clift

Sir, The photograph accompanying your article of April 17 on the discovery of a new chamber in the Great Pyramid of Cheops was mistakenly of the adjacent Pyramid of Chephren.

The diagram was also misleading, in that it indicated a pointed rather than a flattened apex.

I climbed to the summit of the Great Pyramid one day in the early 1980s — it is illegal to do so today — in the dark hours before dawn, and had the supreme pleasure of watching the sun rise over the desert beyond the Sphinx and the Valley Temples.

I sat on the platform at the top — it must be about 20ft square, with a wooden pole in its centre — eating a packed breakfast accompanied by a couple of glasses of good brandy. To view the Giza plateau from this vantage point, including the Pyramid of Chephren, was a marvellous, mystical experience which I shall never forget.

The climb is apparently straightforward — a 480ft-high series of rough-hewn steps all the way to the summit.

However, the presence of wind-blown sand on these steps makes them as if they were dusted with tiny ballbearings; they are therefore very unsafe, especially in the dark. The secret is to climb up one of the corners, preferably the one on the south-east, where frequent wind eddies ensure that the blocks are effectively blown free of the sand hazard.

Yours sincerely,
M. CLIFT,
28 Purcell Road,
Penarth, South Glamorgan.
April 18.

For richer, for poorer

From Mr and Mrs P. R. G. Williams

Sir, How right Dr Julian Hafner was, when laying out the thesis of his book on marriage (your report, "Marriage outlives romantic era", April 22), when he says that "we are in an era where people are objective enough to want a contract based ... on common interests and genuine respect".

We used just such a contract at our marriage service nearly 30 years ago and conveniently found it in the Book of Common Prayer, under Solemnisation of Matrimony. The practical, economical and beautiful language of that contract was, of course, couched in 1662.

Yours faithfully,
PETER WILLIAMS,
MARGARET WILLIAMS,
Croxton Old Rectory,
Eltisley,
Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire.
April 23.

Loving and living

From Miss A. C. Balchin

Sir, "Single, divorced or separated women are more prepared than men to cohabit" (report on the General Household Survey, April 29). But with whom then are they cohabiting?

Yours in some puzzlement,
A. BALCHIN,
13 Lower Meadow,
Quedgeley, Gloucester.
April 29.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 29: The President of the Portuguese Republic and Senhora Soares this morning visited Oxford University and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Oxfordshire (Sir Ashley Ponsonby, Bt), and the Chancellor (the Lord Jenkins of Hillhead).

The President of the Portuguese Republic was admitted as a Doctor of Civil Law and subsequently Their Excellencies attended a reception in the Divinity School.

The President of the Portuguese Republic and Senhora Soares were entertained at luncheon by the Chancellor in the Founder's Library, New College (Dr Harvey McGregor, Warden).

Their Excellencies this afternoon visited the Ashmolean Museum and were received by the Director (Professor C.J. White).

The President of the Portuguese Republic and Senhora Soares later visited Bladon Church and were received by the Duke of Marlborough (Patron of the Living), the Lady Soames and the Rev Canon John Beckwith (Priest in Charge), where His Excellency laid a wreath on the grave of Sir Winston Churchill.

The President of the Portuguese Republic and Senhora Soares afterwards visited Blenheim Palace where Their Excellencies were received by the Duchess of Marlborough and entertained to tea.

His Excellency Monsieur Joseph Weyland was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following member of the Embassy: Mr Paul Steinmetz (First Secretary).

Madame Weyland was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir David Gillmore (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Colonel Michael Evans was received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer, the Royal Mercian and Lancastrian Yeomanry, and Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon Philip Seccombe on assuming the appointment.

Mr Stephen Wall was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Lisbon.

Mrs Wall was also received by Her Majesty.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were entertained by The President of the Portuguese Republic and Senhora Soares this evening at a Banquet at the Portuguese Embassy, 12 Belgrave Square, London, SW1.

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited Capel Manor Horticultural and Environmental Centee, Enfield, Middlesex.

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, Captain General Royal Marines, this afternoon attended a luncheon in support of the Royal Marines Museum Heritage Appeal, the Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall, London, SW1.

Major Ian Grant, RM, was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Life Member, the Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers, later presented The Prince Philip Award for 1992 and Certificates of Merit for Research and Development in the field of Dairy Farming at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness was represented by Mr Maldwin Drummond at the Memorial Service for Major Peter Snowden which was held in Holy Trinity Church, West Cowes, today.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 29: The Prince Edward, Chairman, the International Council of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, this morning arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, from Mauritius.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

April 29: The Princess Royal, Patron the Butler Trust, this morning visited Her Majesty's Young Offenders Institution, Castington, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Northumberland (the Viscount Ridley).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, SENSE, the National Deaf-Blind and Rubella Association, this afternoon opened the Deaf-Blind Centre, Northern Counties School for the Deaf, Newcastle, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Tyne and Wear (Colonel Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison).

The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, visited the Pennywell Neighbourhood Centre, Sunderland.

Lady Carew Pole was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, President, this evening attended the inaugural dinner of the Scottish Chambers of Commerce, Balmoral Hotel, Princes Street, Edinburgh, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mr Norman Irons, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

Mrs David Bowes-Lyon was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
April 29: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother today visited Newmarket and in the morning opened Jim Joel Court, built under the auspices of Racing Welfare Charities.

The Lady Angela Oswald and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 29: The Prince of Wales today visited Cambridge and was received by Mr Michael Marshall (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire).

His Royal Highness this morning visited Xaar Printing Technologies, Cambridge Science Park.

The Prince of Wales later visited Marshall of Cambridge, Newmarket Road.

Mr Hugh Merrill was in attendance.

His Royal Highness this afternoon received the Secretary of State for the Home Department (the Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke MP), the Secretary of State for Employment (the Rt Hon Gillian Shephard MP) and the Minister of State for Home Affairs (Mr Michael Jack MP) at St James's Palace.

The Prince of Wales this evening gave a Reception for the Working Group on Innovation and the judges of The Prince of Wales Award for Innovation.

Later The Prince and Princess of Wales were entertained at a Banquet given by The President of the Portuguese Republic and Senhora Soares at the Portuguese Embasy, 12 Belgrave Square, London SW1.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 29: The Princess of Wales, Patron, Turning Point, this morning attended a Briefing at the Home Office, Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1.

Mr Patrick Jephson was in attendance.

April 29: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, the Girl Guides Association, held a Reception at Kensington Palace this afternoon following the presentation of Brooches to those who have become Queen's Guides.

The Lady Juliet Townsend was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness was entertained this evening at a Banquet given by The President of the Portuguese Republic and Senhora Soares, at the Portuguese Embassy, 12 Belgrave Square, London SW1.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 29: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were entertained this evening at a Banquet given by The President of the Portuguese Republic and Senhora Soares at the Portuguese Embassy, 12 Belgrave Square, London SW1.

YORK HOUSE
April 29: The Duke and Duchess of Kent were entertained this evening at a Banquet by the Portuguese President and Senhora Soares at the Portuguese Embassy, 12 Belgrave Square, London SW1.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
April 29: Princess Alexandra this afternoon opened the new surgical block of Benenden Hospital for the Post Office and Civil Service Sanatorium Society at Benenden, Kent.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Countess Mountbatten of Burma (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Kent).

The Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox was in attendance.

Princess Alexandra and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy were entertained this evening at a Banquet given by the President of the Portuguese Republic and Senhora Soares at the Portuguese Embassy, 12 Belgrave Square, London SW1.

Birthdays today

The King of Sweden celebrates his birthday today.

Sir James Adams, diplomat, 61; Dr G.E. Aylmer, former master, St Peter's College, Oxford, 67; Mrs Janey Buchan, MEP, 67; Mrs Barbara Calvert, QC, 67; Mr Dickie Davies, sports commentator, 60; Lord Diamond, 86; Dame Isabel Graham-Bryce, former chairman, Oxford Regional Hospital Board, 91; Mr Leslie Grantham, actor, 47; Mr G.M. Guthrie, former chief executive, Mecca Leisure, 52; Mr W.R. Henry, former chairman, Coats Patons, 78; Lord McIntosh of Haringey, 60; Lord Sanderson of Bowden, 60.

Lecture

Royal Society
Professor H. Smith, presided at the annual Leeuwenhoek lecture delivered to the Royal Society by Professor F. Brown of Yale School of Medicine, United States, last night at 6 Carlton House Terrace.

Legal appointments

Anthony Hallgarten QC and Derek Arthur Inman to be Circuit Judges, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.


Gentlemen of high degree: President Soares of Portugal walking with Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, Chancellor of Oxford University, on his way to receive the degree of Doctor of Civil Law by diploma at the university's Sheldonian Theatre

Memorial services

Mrs Judith Chaplin, MP
The Prime Minister read the second lesson at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mrs Judith Chaplin, MP, held yesterday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey. Canon Donald Gray officiated. Mrs Jacqueline Kingsley, sister, read the first lesson. The Hon Alice Carro-Walpole, daughter, read from the works of Bede and Mrs Gillian Shephard, Secretary of State for Employment, read from the works of T.S. Eliot. The Right Rev Maurice Wood gave an address. The Rev Jeremy Caddick, the Rev Philip Chester and the Rev Jonathan Goodall, Chaplain and Sacrist, Westminster Abbey, were robed and in the Sanctuary.

The Lord Chancellor and Lady Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord President of the Council, the Speaker, the Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House and Lady Wakeham and the Chairman of the Conservative Party attended. The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs was represented by the Hon Mrs Hurd and the Leader of HM Opposition by Dr Marjorie Mowlam, MP. Among others present were:

Mr Michael Chaplin (husband), the Hon Jonathan Walpole and the Hon Benedict Walpole (sons), the Hon Emma Walpole (daughter), Dr Angelo Carro (son-in-law), Beatrice and Hester Carro (granddaughters), Mr Dominic Chaplin (stepson), Miss Rachel Chaplin (stepdaughter), Mr and Mrs Simon Schofield (brother and sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs John Newland, Mr and Mrs David Chaplin and Mr and Mrs Richard Youngs (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Mrs Geoffrey Reed (sister-in-law), Mr Anthony Kingsley, Miss Veronica Kingsley, Mr Simon Kingsley, Mr and Mrs Timothy Gore, Mrs E B Johnson-Allen, Mrs E J Schofield, Mr and Mrs John Knight, Mr and Mrs Mervyn Orchard-Lisle, Professor and Mrs A N Schofield, Mrs J N Schofield, Mr J J Schofield, Mr and Mrs John Schofield, Lord Walpole.

Mrs Maurice Wood, Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, Lord Beloff, Baroness Blatch, Lord and Lady Clark of Kempston, Lord Davies, Baroness Denton of Wakefield, Lord Lawson of Blaby, Lord Moore of Lower Marsh, Lord and Lady Parkinson, Lord Prior, Baroness Seccombe, Lord Stewartby, Baroness Young, Mrs John Major, the Secretary of State for Transport and Mrs Macgregor, the Secretary of State for National Heritage, the Secretary of State for Wales, the Secretary of State for Social Security, the Secretary of State for Scotland, the Secretary of State for Health, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, the Attorney General and Lady Lyell, the Paymaster General, the Government Chief Whip and Mrs Ryder, Mr Kenneth Baker, CH, MP, Mr Alastair Goodlad, Sir Terence Higgins, MP, Mr Tom King, CH, MP, Sir Cranley Onslow, MP, Sir Geoffrey Pattie, MP, Dame Angela Rumbold, MP, the Hon Tim Sainsbury, MP, Sir John Wheeler, MP, Lady Spencer.

Lady Olga Maitland, MP, the Hon Bernard Jenkin, MP, the Hon Mrs Sarah Hogg, the Hon Mrs John Astor, the Hon Mrs Palmer, the Hon Patrick Penny, Sir Clifford Boulton, Sir Alan Urwick, Sir Anthony Durant, MP, Sir George Gardiner, MP, Sir Anthony Grant, MP, Sir Michael Grylls, MP, Sir James Kilfedder, MP, Sir Hector Monro, MP, Sir Michael Neubert, MP, Sir Giles Shaw, MP, Sir James Spicer, MP, Lady Stewart, Sir Malcolm Chaplain (Conservative Board of Finance), Dame Shirley Oxenbury, Sir John Anson, Sir Basil Feldman, Lady Forbes, Dame Margaret Fry, Sir Philip and Lady Holland, Sir John Lacy, Sir Geoffrey Leigh, Dame Wendy Mitchell, Sir Stanley and Lady Odell, Sir Oliver and Lady Popplewell, Sir Gordon Reece, Dame Susan Tinson.

Mr James Arbuthnot, MP, Mr Nicholas Archer, Mr Neil Atkinson, Mr Tony Baldry, MP, Mrs J Banham, Mr Nicholas Bevan, Mr Tim Boswell, MP, Mr Peter Bottomley, MP, MP, Colonel and Mrs A H Blount, Mr M H Boyd Carpenter, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Graham Bright, MP, Dr Avril Briscoe, Mrs Angela Browning, MP, Mr Jonathan Briscoe, Mrs Ann Brook, Mr Sydney Chapman, MP, Mr and Mrs Charles Constable, Mr I D Coutts, Mr P J Cropper, Mr and Mrs James D'Albiac, Mr and Mrs A H Doggart, Mr Hugh Dykes, MP, Mr Bruce Eadie, Mr and Mrs Evans-Lombe, Mr C R Gregory, Mr David Faber, MP, Mr Michael Fabricant, MP, Mr Dudley Fishburn, MP, and Mrs Fishburn, Miss Cheryl Gillan, MP, Mr Oliver Glen, Miss Katie Glen, Mr Neil Hamilton, MP, and Mrs Hamilton, Mr Jeremy Hanley, MP, and Mrs Hanley, Mr A Hart, Mr George Hill, Mr Paul Howell, MEP, and Mrs Howell, Mr J H Jones, Mr Richard Kent.

Mr David Knapp, Mrs E Laing, Mrs Jacqui Lait, MP, Mr J W Last, Mr Anthony Lewis, Mr Andrew MacKay, MP, Mr Murdo Maclean, Mr and Mrs George Mann, Mr Alexander Marshall, Mr Stephen Milligan MP, Mr Andrew Mitchell, MP, Mr A Murray, Mr Anthony Nelson, MP, Miss Emma Nicholson, MP, Mr Gus O'Donnell, Mr James Paice, MP, Mr and Mrs Christopher Pratt, Mrs Penelope Rankin, Mr Tim Rathbone, MP, Miss Rachel Riley, Mr Mark Rimmer, Mrs Una Robertson, Mr Tom Shephard, Mr Stephen Sherbourne, Mr Michael Smithers, Mrs Elizabeth Still, Mr W R Stuttaford, Mr John Sykes, MP, Mr Richard Thomas, Mr Cyril Townsend, MP, and Mrs Townsend, Mr Michael Trend, MP, Mr P H Twyman, Mr Tim Walsh, Major-General Stuart Watson, Mr Ray Whitney, MP, Miss Ann Widdecombe, MP, Mr P L Wroughton.

Mr Charles Reiss (Parliamentary Press Gallery), and representatives of Conservative Central Office, the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations (Greater London area), Conservative Central Office (Wessex area), the Conservative Political Centre, the Conservative Research Department, the Constituency Services, the Eastern area Conservatives, the West Berkshire Conservative Association, the European Policy Forum, the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, the Institute of Directors, Kleinwort Benson Securities, the City of Guilds London Insitute, Channel 4 News, Independent Television News, the *Eastern Daily Press*, the Newbury Weekly News Group, the Royal Berkshire and Battle NHS Trust, Newbury District Council and Newbury Symphonia and Symphony Orchestra.

Brigadier Johnny King-Martin
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Brigadier Johnny King-Martin was held yesterday at St Luke's, Sydney Street. The Rev Derek Watson officiated, assisted by the Rev Geoffrey Marsden. Mr Tim Chapman, son-in-law, read the lesson and Mr Marcus Chapman, grandson, read from the works of Kahlil Gibran. Mr Tony Abrahams gave an address. Among those present were:

Mrs King-Martin (widow), Mr Warwick King-Martin (son), Mrs Tim Chapman (daughter), Miss Gemma Chapman (granddaughter), Mrs Ethel McKendree-Wright (sister-in-law), Commander and Mrs Raymond Evans, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Bill MacWilliam, Miss R MacWilliam.

Mrs Anthony Abrahams, Major-General William Withall, Major-General Humphrey Bredin, Mr and Mrs David Wilson, Major-General Tony Richardson (Honorary Colonel, Essex Yeomanry), Brigadier Johnny Clinch (Queen's Gurkha Signals), Brigadier John Whitehead (7th Gurkha Rifles), Colonel Ivor Edwards-Stewart (president, Punjab Frontier Force Association) and Mrs Edwards-Stewart with Major Peter Bailey (chairman); Colonel Saeed Ullah Khan (Pakistan Army), Major John Furness (Punjab Frontier Force Rifles) and Mrs Furness, Mr J Hewitt (Indian Army Association), Major F Anderson (Allhallows School, Devon, and Minden Battery 20 Regiment), Captain Brian Carter (club captain, Woodbridge Golf Club also representing the president), Mr Robert Bairamian (Blue Mantles Cricket Club) and Mr Jack Hyde-Blake (chairman, Stragglers of Asia Cricket Club).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.W. Bradley and Miss E. Skinner
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Simon Bradley, of London, and Emily, daughter of Mr Anthony Skinner, of Devon, and Mrs Marlene Maguire, of Surrey.

Mr R.C.E. Burney and Miss P.A. McMillan
The engagement is announced between Roderick, only son of Mr and Mrs Charles Burney, of Buxton and Skye, and Pamela, only daughter of Mr and Mrs James McMillan, of Bucksburn, Aberdeen.

Mr C.G. Elliott and Miss S.J. Goodwin
The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.C.K. Elliott, of Bradwall House, Bradwall, Sandbach, Cheshire, and Suzanna, daughter of Mr Hugh Cussons Goodwin and Mrs Linda Lord, of Dunham House, Bowdon, Cheshire.

Mr W. Johnson and Miss S.A. Jarron
The engagement is announced between William, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W. Johnson, of Sunderland, and Stephanie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Tom Jarron, of Longniddry, East Lothian.

Mr Z.S. Tuckwell and Miss S.K. Simpson
The engagement is announced between Zachary, elder son of Mr K. Tuckwell and Mrs J. Tuckwell, of Brisbane, Australia, and Sophie, only daughter of Mr M.J.R. Simpson and Mrs L. Simpson, of Edinburgh.

Mr A. Fountain and Dr J.A. Monro
The engagement is announced between Andrew Fountain, of Nottingham, and Jean Monro, of Kings Langley, Hertfordshire.

Mr A.T. Young and Miss M.A. Ryan
The engagement is announced between Tyrrell, son of Mr and Mrs Stephen Young, of Hilton, Dorset, and Margaret, daughter of Mr Edward Ryan and the late Mrs Ryan, of Southgate, London.

Marriages

Mr G.A. Olivit and Miss M.K.R. Jenks
The marriage took place on Wednesday, April 21, 1993, at Raffles Hotel, Singapore, of Mr George Olivit to Miss Melissa Jenks.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, Mr Peter Jenks, was attended by her sister, Miss Serena Jenks. Mr Jim Reisinger was best man.

Captain V. Woyka and Miss S. Rae
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 24, 1993, at St James' Church, Gawsworth, Cheshire, of Captain Valentine Woyka, The Blues and Royals, to Miss Sofia Rae. Canon Kenneth Povey officiated.

The bride was attended by Miss Victoria Brake, Miss Katza Natus, Kirsty Wallace, James Wallace and Luke Taylor.

A reception was held at the bride's home and the honeymoon is being spent in Italy.

Dinners

Royal Academy of Engineering
The President of The Royal Academy of Engineering, Sir William Barlow, FEng, presided at a lecture and dinner held last night at the Institution of Civil Engineers, London. The guest speaker was Professor Stephen Littlechild, Director General of Electrical Supply, Office of Electricity Regulation, who spoke on "Developments in Electricity Regulation". Sponsorship for the occasion was provided by Eastern Electricity plc and GEC Alsthom Gas Turbine and Diesel Division.

Army Board
The Hon Archie Hamilton, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, was host at an Army Board dinner held last night at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, in honour of Major-General Ali bin Rashid bin Mohammad Al Kalbani, Commander, Royal Army of Oman. The Ambassador of Oman was among those present.

Battle of Britain Memorial Trust
Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher Foxley-Norris, President of the Battle of Britain Memorial Trust, attended a charity dinner held last night in aid of the trust at RAF Bentley Priory. Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, and Mr Alan Curtis were the hosts.

Japan Society
The annual dinner of the Japan Society was held yesterday at the Inter-Continental Hotel. The Ambassador of Japan, president, was in the chair. The Governor of Kumamoto Prefecture and Mrs Fukushima and the British Chairman of the UK-Japan 2000 Group and Mrs Howell were the guests of honour.

Scriveners' Company
Mr A.H. Cope, Master of the Scriveners' Company, granted the honorary freedom and livery to Mr Stanley Heather at a livery dinner held last night at Haberdashers' Hall. The Master, the Attorney General, Mr Alderman Paul Newall and Mrs B.J. Ducker, Upper Warden, were the speakers.

Luncheons

German Chamber of Industry and Commerce
Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce in the United Kingdom held yesterday at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre.

The Park Tower Luncheon Club
The Park Tower Luncheon Club held a luncheon yesterday in Restaurant 101 Knightsbridge at The Sheraton Park Tower Hotel. Mr Derek Picot, General Manager and Miss Jacqueline McCouat were the hosts and the guests were Mr Richard Wilson, Mr Nigel Davenport, Mr Richard Woods, Mr Nicky Clarke, Mr John Smith, Mr Ulrich Engler, Ms Frances de Salis, Ms Haydn Gwynne and Ms Emma Hope.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as Visitor of St Mary's Cathedral workshop, will visit the workshop at 28 Manor Place, Edinburgh, at 11.20; and, as President of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will open the new offices of Ernst and Young, George Street, Edinburgh, at 12.30.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent will attend a dinner at the Spread-eagle Hotel, Thame, at 7.30 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Thames Valley Police Force.

Appointment

United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting
Miss Mary Uprichard, OBE, RSCN, RN, RM, MTD, has been appointed President of the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting from April 27, 1993.

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I have told you all this so that in me you may find peace. In the world you will have suffering. But take heart! I have conquered the world.
St.John 16 : 33

BIRTHS

ADDINGTON - On April 27th, in Exeter, to Deryn (née Wishaw-Brown) and Richard, a daughter, Constance Nell.

ALLEN - On April 24th, to Sarah (née Blaxland) and Tim, a daughter, Harriet Cordelia.

BETHWAITE - On April 17th at Queen Charlotte's, to Jennie (née Woodcock) and Anthony, a son, Rory Charles.

BLANDY - On April 23rd 1993, to Sophy (née Stafford) and Richard, a daughter, Florence Lydia.

BROWN - On 24th April 1993, to Liz and Simon, a daughter, Lois Kitty Brown. With thanks to family and friends for all their help, gifts, advice, encouragement and love.

COYNE - On April 27th, to Masako (née Nagata) and Anthony, a son, Thomas Anthony Shintaro.

DAVIES - On 28th April 1993, to Mark and Tina, a son, Lawrence Michael, a brother for Oliver and Aaron.

HARNBY - On 22nd March, to Charlotte and Guy, a daughter, Francesca Ellen, a sister for Rosanna.

ILES - On 26th April 1993, to Mary Jane (née Lessey) and Mike, a son, Thomas James Stanton, a brother for Kate and Hannah.

KEIGHLEY - On 23rd April, to Sue (née Nicholls) and Andrew, a daughter, Lucy Phyllis, a sister for Emily. Deo gratias.

LANE - On April 22nd, to Jane (née Tewson) and Charles, a son, Charles.

MACKRELL - On 28th April 1993, to Graham and Sandra (née Johns), a precious son, Kieran Edward.

PICTON-TURBERVILL - On April 28th, to Lucy (née Manners) and David, a son.

SHEARME - On April 28th, to Maryrose (née Lillingston) and Jonty, a son, Alfred Christopher (Freddy), a brother for Joanna and Caroline.

SINCLAIR - On 24th April, to Mary-Anne (née Hodson) and Simon, a son, Thomas Ivo William.

STROUD - On 27th April, at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, to Lesley (née McConkey) and John, a daughter, Scarlett May.

BIRTHS

VERNON - On 26th April 1993, to Davinia (née Howard) and James, a son, Guy Alexander Howard, a brother for Harriet and George.

MARRIAGES

FOWLER:BUSHNELL - On 16th April 1993, Stephen John to Yvette Marie at St Michael's Parish Church, Tilehurst, Berks.

DEATHS

BARTLETT - On April 26th peacefully at home, Sheila, dearest mother of Derek and Edwina and loving Granny of Jonica, Peter, Robert, Jonathan, Alexandra and Louisa and Great-Granny of Freddie, Anna and Emma. Private funeral, no flowers.

BONAR - On Wednesday April 28th 1993, peacefully at his home, Sir Herbert Bonar C.B.E., LL.D., West Ferry, Dundee. Beloved husband of the late Marjorie, dearly loved father of Christopher and Ronald, father-in-law of Rhoda, grandfather of Tanya, Nicola, Steven, Marina and Warren and great-grandfather of Blair. Funeral Service in Meadowside, St Paul's Church, Nethergate, Dundee, on Wednesday May 5th at 1.30 pm to which all friends are respectfully invited. Thereafter to Dundee Crematorium at 2.30pm.

DAVIS - On 29th April 1993 at Merlewood Nursing Home, Carrie Mabel, aged 91 years, formerly of Marlow. Much loved mother of Simon and grandmother of Belinda and Jonathan. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, at 11.30 am on Sunday May 2nd. No flowers please by request but donations if desired to DGAA, Vicarage Gate House, Vicarage Gate, London W8 4AQ.

DEANE - John Woodforde, late XX The Lancashire Fusiliers. On 27th April, peacefully at Lovers Farmhouse. Enquiries F/D (0323) 840086.

GRIFFITH-JONES - On Wednesday April 28th 1993, Leslie Renshaw. Dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Service of Thanksgiving on Tuesday May 4th at 11.30 am at St Mary's Episcopal Church, Kirriemuir, followed by a private burial.

DEATHS

HOLMES - On April 27th, peacefully at Tonbridge Nursing Home, Olive aged 91 years, formerly a Teacher at Eltham Junior School and late of Blackheath. Thanksgiving Service at Christ Church, Tonbridge, on Friday 7th May at 2 pm. Flowers or donations if desired to Help the Aged c/o Abbey Funeral Services, 173 High Street, Tonbridge, TN9 1BX. All enquiries tel: (0732) 360328.

JACQUES - On April 29th 1993, The Reverend Humphrey Jacques M.B.E., T.D., aged 81, dearly beloved husband of Verity, much loved father of Christabel and Anthony and loving grandfather. Funeral Service, All Saints Church, Lullington, near Frome, at 3.30 pm Tuesday May 4th.

LEHMANN - On 27th April 1993, Ann Henshaw (née Morden). Much loved widow of Dick Lehmann, mother of Frances and Mary Ann, and grandmother of Zoe, Rupert and George. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service to be announced later. Family flowers only but donations to Multiple Sclerosis Society, 26 Effie Road, London SW6.

LONGE - On April 28th at home, Isla (née Bell) aged 80 years. Widow of Desmond, much loved mother of Alex and Simon, mother-in-law of June and grandmother of Charlie and Freddie. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Ditchingham, Norfolk, on Friday May 7th at 2.30 pm. No flowers, but donations if desired for The Macmillan Nurses Fund c/o Foulgers Funeral Service, Sholesham, Norwich NR15 1YL, (0508) 50242.

MADDOCKS - On April 29th 1993, peacefully at home, Peter Laurence Lyon, loved husband of Pat and father of Harry. Private funeral service, no flowers by request, donations in lieu may be made for the West Dorset Hospice Macmillan Service, c/o Woods (Dorchester) Ltd., 11A Icen Way, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1EW, tel: (0305) 262666.

NEWMAN - Adrian C., passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday 28th April. He will be sadly missed by his wife, daughter, family and all who knew him. Service at Mortlake Crematorium at 3.30 pm on Wednesday 5th May. No flowers, donations to Cancer Charities.

DEATHS

PALFREY - On 28th April, peacefully at the Woodland Nursing Home, Canon Claude Hugh, aged 79 years, of The Close, Norwich, Honorary Canon and Precentor Emeritus of Norwich Cathedral, Oblate of Nashdom Abbey. Funeral Mass of Requiem at Norwich Cathedral on Friday 7th May at 11 am followed by private interment at the Rosary Cemetery. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Friends of Norwich Cathedral c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich.

RADCLIFFE PLATT - On April 28th 1993, peacefully at home, Nancy Quenelda Radcliffe Platt aged 97. Funeral at 2.15 pm Wednesday May 5th at Harpsden Parish Church, near Henley-on-Thames.

ROTHWELL - On April 26th, peacefully in her 99th year, Marjorie. Beloved wife of the late Percy, mother of Sylvia and the late Pamela, grandmother of Susanna, Christopher and Erica.

SCOTT-HILL - On April 29th, peacefully in hospital, Ian, in his 78th year, very much loved husband of Jean and much loved father of Adrian. Funeral Service at Mortlake Crematorium on Thursday May 6th at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only, but donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

ST. JOHN MILDMAY - Michael aged 91 years, peacefully on 28th April at his home in Stinchcombe, Dursley, Glos. A much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service Stinchcombe Parish Church on Wednesday 5th May at 12 noon followed by interment. Family flowers only, donations in lieu may be sent for the N.S.P.C.C. c/o Philip Ford & Son Funeral Directors, 54B Silver Street, Dursley.

THOROLD - On 29th April 1993, Jocelyn, aged 82, Beloved wife of Captain Sir Anthony Thorold and mother of Celia, Dinny and Oliver, much loved granny of Roger, David, Nick, Henry and Lydia. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Syston, Grantham, on Thursday 6th May at 2.15 pm. No flowers but donations, if desired, to Queen Mary's University Hospital, c/o the Administrator, Roehampton, London SW15 5PN.

DEATHS

VALENTIN - On 3rd April from an accident and while working in Sri Lanka teaching at the Kotagara School for orphaned and disabled children, Charles Harry, aged 19. Funeral and cremation took place in Colombo on 8th April and Memorial Service to be held at Bedford School Chapel, Pemberley Avenue, Bedford at 12.30 on Saturday 8th May. In remembrance of a young and promising life please send any tributes in the form of donations payable to Fairley & Co. Solicitors, 22 St. Loyes, Bedford MK40 1EP, to be used constructively for the work of Prithipura Infant Home and Kotagara and Asokapura Farm Schools, Sri Lanka.

VERMEYLEN - On April 29th 1993, peacefully at Austenwood Nursing Home, Gerrards Cross, after a long illness borne with courage, Marcelle, widow of Freddy and mother of Joan, Peter and Molly. Funeral Service, Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, Bucks., on Thursday May 6th at 1.30pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to The National Osteoporosis Society c/o Direct Funerals, Montello House, Layters Green Lane, Chalfont St Peter, Bucks., SL9 9JB, (0753) 884674.

WILLCOX - On 28th April 1993, suddenly, Colonel John Gibson aged 67 (late Royal Marines), beloved and devoted husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service on Wednesday 5th May at 3pm at Wisborough Green, West Sussex. Family flowers only please, donations if so desired to S.S.A.F.A. c/o K Cooper (0403) 864577.

WISSLER - On April 28th 1993, peacefully at home, aged 91 years, Anna Marguerite "Margot", much loved mother of Bruce, grandmother to Lisbeth, Tim and Patricia and great-grandmother to Jack. Cremation at Putney Vale, 2.30 pm, 5th May 1993. Family flowers only but donations if wished to Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund.

DEATHS

YORK MOORE - On 28th April 1993 at home after a short illness, Anne Doreen, dear younger daughter of the late Dr. James York Moore and Mrs Doris York Moore, sister of John and Mary. Very much loved by all the family - a special Aunt and Great-Aunt. Requiem at St Nicholas Church, Middleton-on-Sea, on Thursday 6th May at 1.30 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only or donations if desired for St Nicholas Church Extension Fund or St Wilfrid's Hospice may be sent to Reynolds Funeral Service, 31 High Street, Bognor Regis, West Sussex, tel: (0243) 864745.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HETHERINGTON - The venue, and time, for the Service of Thanksgiving for Stephen Hetherington has been changed. It will now be held at St Mary's Church, Hart St., Henley-on-Thames, at 3 pm on Friday 14th May.

McGLADE - At Glasgow, on 2nd March 1993, Floria Elizabeth (Mac), Formerly of the United Nations and UNESCO. Only daughter of Charles and Kathleen McGlade. Mac was buried at sea as she wished. A Memorial Service will be held in the Chapel of the Little Sister of the Poor, 180 Royston Hill, Glasgow, on Wednesday 5th May at 11am to which all friends are invited.

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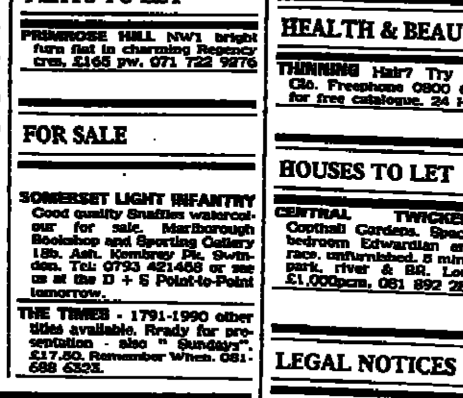
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The application will be heard on 9 June 1993 at a time and place to be determined by the Commission. Any interested party has the right to make representations to the Commission with respect to the application. Any written representations, or notice of a person's intention to make oral representations at the hearing, must be received by the Commission at 15 Great Marlborough Street, London W1V 2AX by 19 May 1993.

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OBITUARIES

DOMINIQUE BOZO

Dominique Bozo, president of the Centre Georges Pompidou in Paris and one of the founders of the city's Picasso Museum, died of cancer in Paris on April 28 aged 58. He was born in Alençon, Normandy, on January 28, 1935.



Man of vision: Bozo on one of the covered walkways of his beloved Pompidou Centre

DOMINIQUE BOZO was France's outstanding museum curator. A man of vision, he played the leading role in creating both the Pompidou Centre and the Picasso Museum and establishing them in the forefront of the world's finest museums of modern art. The major exhibition, Henri Matisse 1904-1917, currently drawing huge crowds to the Pompidou Centre, was his work.

Bozo possessed connoisseurship, particularly of 20th-century art, and organisational ability. These qualities stood him in good stead in implementing the ambitious museum programmes of the governments of the Fifth Republic. He staged major exhibitions in the Pompidou Centre's Musee National d'Art Moderne and the Picasso retrospectives at the Grand Palais in 1979 and the Museum of Modern Art in New York the following year, in collaboration with William Rubin.

He was a skilled negotiator within the world of art politics. He argued forcibly the case for greater state support for museums and acquisitions. He even resigned as head of the Modern Art Museum in 1986 to back his demands for more money.

He was also involved in the negotiations with Jacqueline Picasso, the artist's widow, and members of the family, for the donation of family-held works to the State in lieu of death duties. This was a colossal task. The Picasso legacy was of a nature to cause problems of Byzantine legal complexity due to the painter's irregular personal life. During negotiations a senior judge had to make 130 trips from Paris to visit Picasso's widow in the South of France, before the precise terms of the state's death duty share could be established.

Bozo began his career as a teacher. He studied at the Ecole du Louvre and after joining the Ministry for Cultural Affairs in 1966 was appointed to the Palais de Tokyo, then home to the Modern Art Museum. His work on the creation of the new modern art museum at the Pompidou Centre started before the architects, Britain's Richard Rogers and the Italians, Renzo Piano and Gianfranco Franchini, had completed the controversial, "inside out" building. Bozo organised the selection and transfer of the works of art from the national collection, to the top floors of the Pompidou Centre.

It was from there that he supervised, with the help of the British collector and critic Roland Penrose and Picasso's friend Jean Leymarie, the choice of the works which now form the new Picasso collection. These included paintings from the Blue, Pink and Cubist periods, some of them until that point unknown to the public. They are now housed in the Picasso Museum in the restored, 17th-century Hôtel Salé in the Marais district.

It was an immense effort of selection over which Bozo agonised for several years. When he had finished the results were impressive: 203 paintings, 158 sculptures and 1,500 drawings, laid out in chronological order representing almost three-quarters of a century of labour. It was the most comprehensive single collection in the world, the only notable gap being from Picasso's very early work, much of which remains in Barcelona. Bozo was the first head of the museum which quickly acquired an international reputation.

For most of this period, he directed the Museum of Modern Art where he sought to maintain a balance between works associated with the history of modern art and more contemporary paintings. Thus he staged exhibitions of Bonnard, Balthus, De Kooning, Klein, Matta, Moore, Rothko and Soutine, while reserving other shows for artists of the 1960s such as Pages, Viallat, Buraglio, Boltanski, Rouan and Grand.

From 1986, when he resigned from the National Museum of Modern Art until 1990 when he was recalled to the helm, he was head of the plastics arts department at the Cultural Affairs Ministry. During this time he wrote a fiery report criticising the paucity of the state's purchases of paintings and urging a more democratic apportionment of paintings to institutions spread throughout the country.

This report was acted upon to a degree, although it was never published. At the time, the Pompidou Centre was going through a difficult, not to say critical, period with its different parts, including the experimental music centre of Pierre Boulez, in a state of some disarray. The result was that Bozo was reappointed director of the Modern Art Museum and the Industrial Age Design Centre before being named president of the whole complex in 1991 with the brief to transform the centre into a more coherent ensemble and less of a "cultural machine".

The vast, multi-disciplinary Manifeste exhibition of 1992, which brought together the different collections within the building, was a bold step in this direction. Its aim was to stress the centre's dual aim, that of being France's national modern art museum, and its centre of industrial creation.

At the time of his death Bozo was preparing the renovation of the building, its exterior steel struts, escalators and air and water ducts which had weathered badly since 1977, as well as a new entrance from the piazza. However, his main concerns were to bring together the modern art museum and the industrial creation centre in a single department, and the creation of a cultural development department for the public. He was also engaged in a new round of acquisitions, the creation of an architectural and design collection and a retrospective of the sculptor Constantin Brancusi in addition to the rebuilding of the replica of the artist's atelier which stands on the piazza.

In 1986 Bozo had moved the celebrated Impressionist collection of the Jeu de Paume in the Tuileries Gardens to the Musée d'Orsay, and supervised the conversion of the Jeu de Paume into a showcase for contemporary art.

Bozo was distant, secretive and sometimes authoritarian, but was recognised as an excellent strategist in dealings with politicans and artists. He was admired in France and abroad for his enthusiasm in the cause of modern art.

He is survived by his wife and son.

CHARLES KEELER

Charles Henry Keeler, OBE, optician, died on April 15 aged 89. He was born in Philadelphia on December 27, 1903.



CHARLES KEELER combined an unusual degree of business acumen with his skills as an ophthalmic and medical instrument designer. The second generation of a family of opticians, his father had made his fortune by bringing the Boston Clip, an American version of the pince-nez, to London. From its beginnings in Wigmore Street in 1917, the firm of C. Davis Keeler, later Keeler Ltd, eventually had 36 branches throughout Britain, before selling out to Dollond and Aitchison in 1986.

There were two sides to the family business: a regular dispensing opticians and a specialised unit making ophthalmic instruments. Charles Keeler's interest was in the latter division. Having been educated at St Paul's and Imperial College, London, he qualified as a dispensing optician, and began, in the 1920s, to design instruments such as ophthalmoscopes for retinal examination and the world's first surgical microscope designed for ophthalmic surgery.

Contact lenses were another speciality. In the 1930s he studied manufacturing possibilities for the new, and still rather clumsy, glass lenses at Utrecht in Holland. His expertise was put to good use during the second world war when he fitted badly burnt pilots with lenses, enabling some of them to return to active service.

After the war, Keeler became increasingly recognised as a spokesman for the profession. He was the president of both the Association of Dispensing Opticians and of the Contact Lens Society in the 1950s, and served upon the Crook committee charged with making recommendations for state registration of opticians. From 1958, for more than a decade, he represented opticians on the General Optical Council.

Keeler was appointed OBE in 1969 for his revolutionary work in designing and fitting low vision aids for the partially sighted. He had been carrying out research on suitable magnifiers at Moorfields Eye Hospital, London, since the 1950s.

He enjoyed a long retirement in Cornwall after 1970, although he remained chairman of the board from 1970 to 1986 and thereafter retained his role as non-executive director. He continued his work with partially-sighted patients referred to him by west country ophthalmologists.

This still gave Keeler time to pursue other interests: cabinet making, model railways, competitive sailing (he was still winning races well into his seventies) and collecting vintage Bentleys.

He is survived by his wife Mamie, their daughter and four sons.

BILL SPIERS

Frederick William Spiers, CBE, Professor of Medical Physics, University of Leeds, 1950-72, died on April 8 aged 85. He was born on July 29, 1907.

BILL SPIERS was one of the founding fathers of medical physics. His scientific reputation derived from the originality of his research into radiation dosimetry — ranging from its fundamental principles in theory and practice to pioneering measurements of radioactivity in the living human body and the environment. Despite his eminence, he remained one of nature's gentlemen being modest, approachable, unfailingly courteous and infectiously enthusiastic.

In 1935, having obtained a PhD as a demonstrator in physics at Leeds University, Spiers took the unusual but far-sighted step of joining the staff of the Leeds General Infirmary as its first physicist. In his role as liaison officer between the X-ray and radium departments, he began to publish cornerstone papers on radiation dosimetry leading to his appointment as senior physicist and lecturer in medical physics serving the infirmary and the university.

In May 1943 he proposed the formation of an Association of Medical Physicists in the North: this initiative was closely followed by the establishment of the National Hospitals Physicists' Assocation of which he was the second chairman.

To exploit the wartime development of electronics and the production of artificial radioisotopes for patient care, Spiers expanded his team of physicists working in medicine. Their work was so successful that, in 1950, he was appointed to the newly created Chair of Medical Physics and made head of the university Department of Medical Physics, both being established simultaneously. Under his highly professional and innovative leadership, the department achieved international recognition in several fields.

In 1959, his pioneering contributions in the measurement of environmental radiation in various parts of Britain and abroad and also of radioactivity in the human body led to the establishment, under his directorship, of the MRC Environmental Radiation Research Group at the General Infirmary which included new highly sensitive whole body radioactivity counters.

This work and his research into the particle dosimetry of bone and toxicity of bone-seeking radionuclides, on which he continued to publish internationally acclaimed papers during his retirement, have made highly topical contributions to current debates on nuclear safety.

Spiers's work attracted a DSc and such distinguished awards as the Roentgen Prize in 1950, the Barclay Medal in 1967 and the Silver Jubilee Medal in 1977. He was elected president of the British Institute of Radiology in 1955. His expert contributions to civil defence, particularly as a senior scientific adviser to the Home Office from 1952 until 1977 were recognised by his appointment as CBE in 1962. His experience continued to be exploited by major national and international organisations including the prestigious International Commission of Radiation Units and Measurements.

He is survived by his wife Kitty and their daughter.

WINIFRED RADFORD

Winifred Eva Radford, opera singer, died in Cheltenham on April 15 aged 91. She was born on October 2, 1901.



BORN into a musical family, the daughter of the famous bass singer, Robert Radford, Winifred Radford grew up in a world in which song and singing became part of her very nature. At an early age she had heard Patti, Melba and Tetrazzi sing, and had met Elgar who was a family friend. After being initially educated at home with a tutor, she was later sent to a private girls' school in Hampstead. She then entered the Royal Academy of Music at the age of 14 where she studied ballet, piano and later singing.

In 1917 the conductor and composer Sir Hamilton Harty introduced her to her future husband, Captain Douglas Illingworth, who was a barrister and a patron of the famous sculptor Alfred Gilbert. Illingworth, who was 22 years older than the 19-year-old girl he married, was a cultured man and moved in artistic circles. He was a friend of George Clausen, Alfred Rich, James Pride and, later, Meredith Frampton. The marriage lasted for 29 years until 1949 when, after a short illness, Illingworth died.

His encouragement, not to say his wealth, made a substantial contribution to her career. Together they travelled to Leipzig where she studied singing with Elena Gerhardt, and where she made her concert debut in 1930 in a Lieder recital, which was swiftly followed by other concerts.

In 1934 she made her first appearance in opera as Barbarina in Mozart's *Marriage of Figaro* at the first-ever Glyndebourne Festival. She sang at Glyndebourne for the next four seasons in the roles of Cherubino in *Figaro*, the First Boy in *The Magic Flute*, and Zerlina in *Don Giovanni*. She also sang the latter role at the Theatre de la Monnai in Brussels in 1939 with the Glyndebourne Company. During these same years she joined two other singers, Geoffrey Dunn and Frederick Woodhouse, in presenting one-act operas of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries specifically written for a cast of three singers. This small company was called the Intimate Opera Company and they performed in London, toured extensively in Britain and even visited the United States, appearing for a season on Broadway.

At this time, in addition to her work in opera, Winifred Radford continued to give song recitals and frequent broadcasts for the BBC, being one of the first British singers to broadcast programmes devoted to the songs of Hugo Wolf. During the second world war she gave recitals at the National Gallery as part of the famous lunch-hour series of concerts. She also specialised in the French song repertoire and gave the first performance in London of Francis Poulenc's song cycle *Fiançailles pour rire* for which she was coached by Poulenc and Pierre Bernac.

After the war she formed a friendship with Constance Carrodus, a singer of folk songs and characterisations: a singer who was also well known to radio listeners in the postwar period. This friendship was to last until a few years ago when Constance died. Together Winifred Radford and Constance Carrodus created a musical partnership, with a programme called *City and Countryside*.

Radford's clear soprano voice, which represented the sophisticated city dweller, provided a good contrast to the traditional country ballads sung by Carrodus. During this postwar period she also went to Paris, whenever her various commitments allowed, to study the French song repertoire with Pierre Bernac. This association with Bernac was to last over 30 years. In 1955 she was appointed as a teacher of singing at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London, where she established a class in the interpretation of the French song. Many young singers benefited from her expert guidance during the 15 years she taught there.

In 1971, at the age of 70, she retired from the Guildhall School to concentrate on private teaching, and on her work as a translator. She had already proved herself to be an excellent linguist over a long period of years with her translations of German and French songs. In 1976 she translated some 200 songs in Pierre Bernac's book, *The Interpretation of French Song* (1976) which was dedicated to her. She followed this up by translating Bernac's second book, *Francis Poulenc — the man and his songs* (1977), as well as Poulenc's own *Diary of My Songs* (1985).

Though never herself an *artiste* of the first rank, her enthusiasm for, and interest in, the arts was limitless — in just the same way as her energy was endless. There is a striking painting of her in her youth by Meredith Frampton.

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The Queen of the Age sailed for Auckland on the 16th of November, 1873, having on board about 170 emigrants and a crew of 30 hands. Nothing particular occurred until the 14th of January, 1874, when the second mate reported to me that the coal-hole scuttle in the between decks, although secured by an iron bar, staples, and padlock, had been broken open by the crew; and upon going below into the coal-hole, I found that the bulkhead separating the cargo from the coals had also been broken through, and a number of cases opened containing shawls, Crimean shirts, candles, anchovies, pickles, preserved salmon, and sundry other merchandise, and a large portion of their contents abstracted and gone.

Upon making this discovery I mustered the crew, and demanded that the stolen cargo should be restored, but was met by a determined spirit of resistance on the part of several of the men who refused to return the property or do any more duty in the ship, and even threatened the passengers with violence, who, they said, had given me information about the robbery.

The passengers now appealed to me for protection; and, after consulting with the surgeon in charge, I issued loaded muskets to them, to be used in their own defence. At the same time several of the passengers volunteered to work the ship for me if the crew refused to do so. The resolute manner in which the passengers supported me and my officers overawed the seamen, who, finding a revolt would be hopeless, after some little hesitation restored the stolen property and returned to their duty.

Having again secured the forehold and placed 60 fathoms of chain cable in such a position as to prevent the possibility of any further plunder, the voyage was continued without any other incident of importance until arrival at Auckland on the 2d of March, 1874, when eight of the ringleaders were sent on shore in charge of the police, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

The moral of this appears to be that if a burglar enters a house at night and steals a few trinkets he will most likely get seven years' penal servitude, but if a seaman breaks through a strong bulkhead on board ship, and with a naked light among inflammable goods plunders the cargo, thereby endangering the lives of hundreds, he may reasonably expect to get off with three months' hard labour.

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THE TIMES TODAY

FRIDAY APRIL 30 1993

NEWS

Palace to be opened to tourists

■ The Queen is to allow tourists into Buckingham Palace to help pay for the fire damage at Windsor Castle.

Visits, which will cost £8 per head, will take place only in August and September. The public will be able to see the state apartments and their priceless collection of paintings, furniture and porcelain. A charge of £3 will also be introduced for the Windsor Castle precincts ..... **Pages 1, 2, 3, 17**

Divisions over Bosnia sharpen

■ *The Western divisions over Bosnia sharpened yesterday as* Britain made clear to the United States that it would not support any lifting of the arms embargo and would only reluctantly agree to air strikes against the Serbs. Meanwhile the French withdrew hundreds of their United Nations from their peacekeeping duties near Belgrade .... **Pages 1, 8, 9, 10**

Observer is sold

The battle for the *Observer* ended yesterday with the announcement that the Sunday paper would be taken over by *The Guardian*. The deal has still to be approved by the *Observer* board..... **Pages 1, 5**

Poll optimism

The latest MORI poll for *The Times* shows a sharp improvement in economic optimism. However the Tories' standing has remained at its post-election low of 32 per cent, with Labour on 46 per cent. The Liberal Democrats are up 3 points at 20 per cent..... **Pages 1, 8**

Era ends at Lloyd's

Lloyd's of London yesterday announced an end to 300 years of tradition of unlimited liability, a practice which has meant names, the market's investors, are liable for all their assets — down to the last cuff-link. Names will be able to switch to limited *liability*..... **Pages 1, 7, 16, 23 25**

Commons CD clash

Music industry executives clashed with Gerald Kaufman, the Labour MP who chairs the national heritage committee, over compact disc prices. **Page 8**

Apartheid apology

President de Klerk of South Africa apologised for the first time for what apartheid had done to millions of people. He said the national party's new emblem was a statement that they had broken with the past..... **Page 13**

Clinton assessed

President Clinton has received a lukewarm response from commentators on his first 100 days in office. "He could have done worse," said the *Washington Times*. "William Henry Harrison died on Day 32 of his administration"..... **Page 13**

Fines review

The income-related fine system is to be reformed after criticism from magistrates and some MPs. Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, will change the rules implementing the fines before the autumn..... **Page 4**

Archbishop's view

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, has entered the debate on education by saying that league tables should take second place to the quality of life *and schooling. He also said that* children should be given an unapologetic grounding in their own culture and religion before *studying others*..... **Page 6**

Yeltsin reform offer

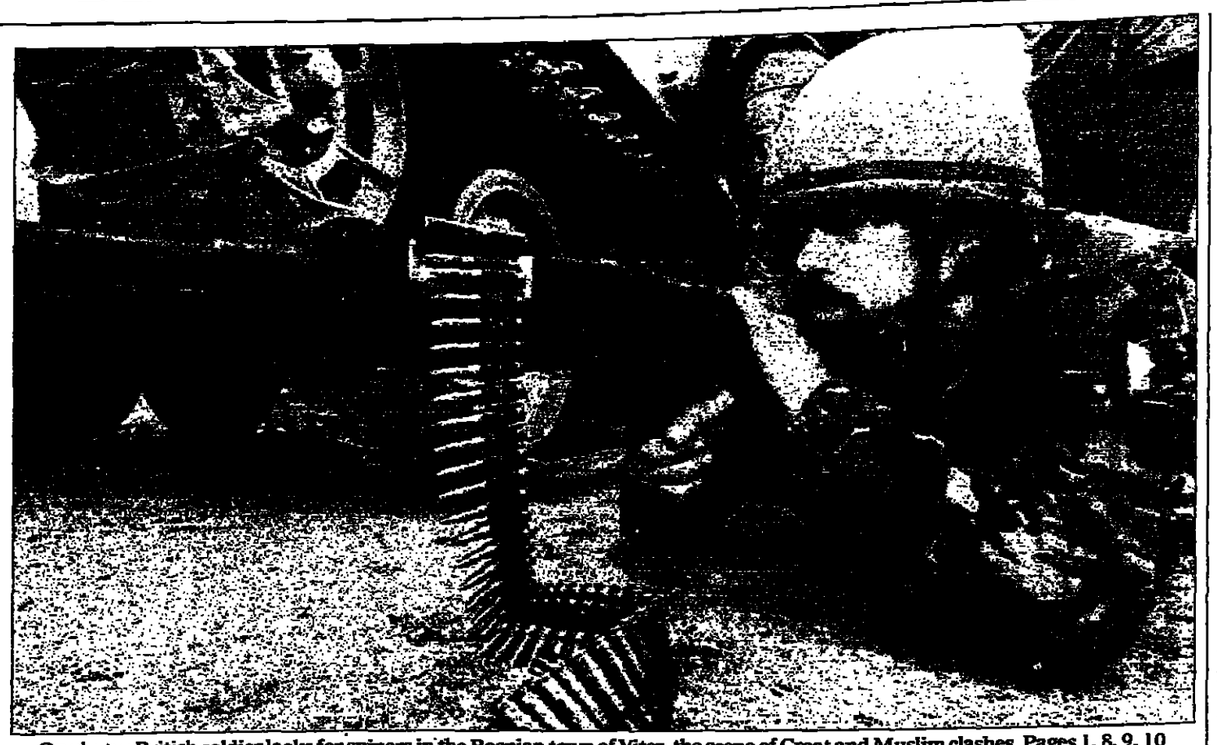
A confident President Yeltsin yesterday presented regional leaders with a draft constitution to replace that of the Soviet era, which he said was "pulling us backwards"..... **Page 11**

Gallic shrug

French officials reacted phlegmatically to reported claims that the CIA had warned US companies they risked being spied on if they attended the Paris air show..... **Page 11**

Anti-golf groups club together

■ Yesterday was declared World No Golf Day as groups from Asia and the Far East united to draw attention to the environmental damage caused by the growing popularity of the game. The movement will campaign for a halt to the construction of new courses and a ban on "golf tourism" advertisements ..... **Page 6**



On alert: a British soldier looks for snipers in the Bosnian town of Vitez, the scene of Croat and Muslim clashes. **Pages 1, 8, 9, 10**

BUSINESS

Bid battle: Administrators at Leyland-DAF are talking to two rival bidders, a management buyout and an offer for the entire business from a former Leyland director..... **Page 22**

Bank battle: Andrew Buxton, chairman and chief executive of Barclays, was called on to resign by angry shareholders at yesterday's annual meeting. He declined however ..... **Page 23**

Markets slip: *The London stock* market fell for the second day running yesterday , with the share index down 10.5 points at *2,786.80. Sterling closed at* $1.577 ($1.5707), and at DM2.4841 (DM 2.4914) ..... **Page 24**

SPORT

Football: Paul Gascoigne is to undergo surgery on a broken cheekbone following the World Cup match against Holland. He was substituted at half-time after being elbowed in the head ..... **Page 40**

Snooker: Clement Freud goes to the world championships at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield — "Snooker administrators are a charmless bunch, hot on security. Sign this; wear that; one-three-two is today's number for the combination lock on the gents" ..... **Page 38**

Tennis: The All England Club is on the brink of being able to buy 70 *acres of land in Wimbledon, which* could be used as part of its redevelopment plans ..... **Page 40**

FEATURES

Valerie Grove interview: "Carmen Callil was always having dinners for authors in her Chelsea flat, after which she would play old Jessie Matthews and Evelyn Laye records and sing her party piece, *Daddy Wouldn't Buy Me A Bow-Wow* ..... **Page 15**

Memories: It is springtime, and tourists are once again being shown round the sites of the 1968 riots. But how deep a mark did they make on Paris? ..... **Page 14**

MOTORING

The fastest cat: As the V-12 engine makes a comeback, Jaguar launches a rival to Mercedes and BMW in the fast lane..... **Page 35**

ARTS

North East's treasures: Paintings from the Bowes Collection in co. Durham are at the National Gallery, revealing work by Goya, El Greco and Boucher that few have seen ..... **Page 31**

Baroque triumph: English National Opera's new staging of Handel's *Ariodante* is a feast for the eye and the ear, writes Rodney Milnes ..... **Page 31**

Moll flounders: A new musical based on Defoe's scathing novel of love and deceit in the 18th-century London underworld, *Moll Flanders*, fails to impress Benedict Nightingale, despite a winning performance by Josie Lawrence in the title role ..... **Page 32**

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



President Soares of Portugal, who is on a state visit to Britain, yesterday received the degree of Doctor of Civil Law from the University of Oxford **Page 18**



Narissa Jones told an industrial tribunal that she was forced to leave the navy after becoming pregnant and refusing to give up her child **Page 4**



Mark Lathwell, tipped to play for England, scored 99 for Somerset against Hampshire on the first day of the county championship **Page 40**

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Ship-shape, Plymouth fashion

■ Marcus Binney visits a spectacular example of new architecture: the *Western Morning News* building, which resembles an ocean liner

Create your own wine cellar

■ Jane MacQuitty begins a series for anyone who has ever wanted to be master of his or her own racks. Part 1: find your space and take its temperature.

Portrait of the artist at war

■ The Times, in association with the Imperial War Museum, is sending a war artist to Bosnia. Alan Jackson meets the artist Peter Howson

TV LISTINGS

Brookside tackles the problem of domestic violence (Channel 4, 8.30pm) and offers viewers a helpline for three hours after the episode..... **Page 39**

OPINION

The bell tolls

The price of securing a future is *that, far from resolving the issues,* Lloyd's new business plan will usher in more years of argument and change ..... **Page 17**

Rebuilding Italy

Italians have voted for change at the top, but radical reforms would sweep away a system of favours and petty dishonesty which ordinary Italians have quietly grown used to exploiting..... **Page 17**

People's palace

The rebuilding of Windsor Castle can become an imaginative step in the renovation of the House of Windsor..... **Page 17**

COLUMNS

BERNARD LEVIN

Every ten years or so, I have to wheel out a profound truth for which I am lessed for life by those who believe it, and ignored, to their own later sorrow, by everybody else, who won't stay long enough to join the believers, or even to listen to me. I get — and want — nothing out of it ..... **Page 16**

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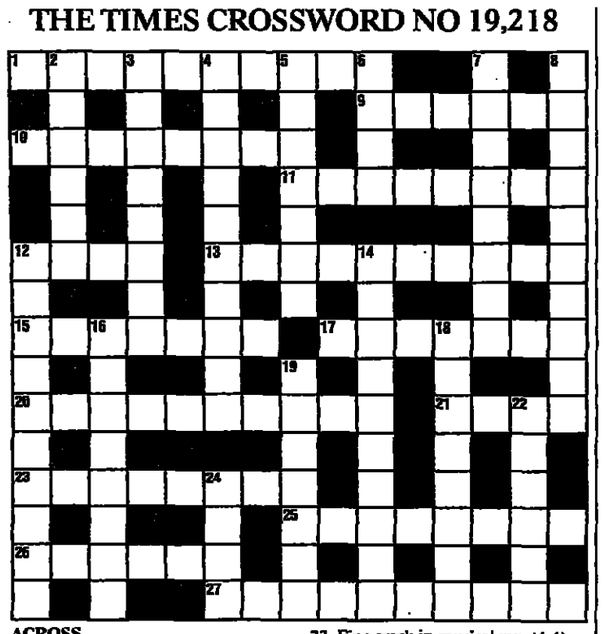
A specialist writes about the origins of eating disorders following this week's address by the Princess of Wales ..... **Page 17**

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Allowing women to take on military combat roles is good for the armed services and the women. Women have already suffered the worst consequences of combat, with no public outcry: five died in hostile action during Desert Storm, and two became POWs. While not the first female war casualties, they stand out because "non combat" jobs put them in the line of fire

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ACROSS

1 Water may get through these doors and into the locks (10).

9 A *rendezvous in Broadway say?* (6)

10 Agents to assemble outside on ethnic lines (8).

11 Shallow bark going to sea (4-4).

12 Plant appearing right in the morass (4).

13 Popular nappy containing a soft absorbent material (5,5).

15 George has record year in science (7).

17 In the station, bay horse was first to be accommodated (7).

20 Communist woman's symbol of marriage an irrelevant diversion (3,7).

21 Students in the island causing complaints (4).

23 Fine crack in musical row (4-4).

25 Tramp surrounded by a lot of paper and bottles (8).

26 Without a shilling, would be very sparing of vinegar (6).

27 Breach of rules by bear switching share (10).

DOWN

2 Dislike hotel with a licence (6)

3 Primordial queer fish (8)

4 Coquette who wheedled money out of a man of 49? (4-6).

5 Diet, say, peculiar to a Scottish region (7).

6 Author needed a drink (4).

7 The law of the world in abbreviated form (8).

8 Reckless men dread posse becoming involved (10).

12 Nominal leader is responsible for carving on ship (6-4)

14 Great hotel renovated completely (10).

16 Hunter, for example, is an experienced person (3-5).

18 Uncomplimentary remark from loyal chap on striker (8).

19 Complex apparent in many English (7).

22 Messenger abbreviated nothing, without interruption (6).

24 S. American king incarcerated at the outset (4).

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WEATHER

After early mist, most parts will have sunny spells, apart from eastern coasts, which will stay cloudy and cool. Scattered showers, mainly confined to England and Wales, will develop and some may be heavy and thundery. These will tend to be slow-moving, so many places will stay dry all day. The South will be warm, with only light winds. Outlook: fresher and cooler weather spreading from the West. Rain at times.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	17	63	f	Madrid	13	55	c
Alicante	23	73	s	Majorca	17	63	c
Alex'dria	27	81	s	Malaga	17	63	f
Algiers	22	72	s	Malta	19	66	s
Amst'dm	26	79	s	Melb'rne	16	61	s
Athens	21	70	f	Miami*	26	79	s
Bahrain	28	82	s	Milan	16	61	c
Bangkok	35	95	s	Montreal*	15	59	f
Barbados*	30	86	s	Moscow	10	50	f
Barcelna	17	63	f	Munich	23	73	s
Beirut	22	72	s	Nairobi	28	82	f
Belgrade	22	72	s	Naples	16	61	f
Berlin	26	79	s	N Delhi	40	104	s
Bermuda*	23	73	f	N York*	16	61	s
Biarritz	19	66	s	Nice	15	59	r
Borde'x	18	64	f	Oslo	17	63	s
Brussels	23	73	s	Paris	20	68	s
Budapst	23	73	f	Peking	21	70	s
B Aires*	26	79	s	Perth	21	70	s
Cairo	31	88	s	Prague	24	75	s
Cape Tn	19	66	s	Reykjavik	3	37	s
Chicago*	22	72	f	Rhodes	21	70	f
Ch'church	12	54	f	Rio de J	31	88	s
Cologne	26	77	s	Riyadh	32	90	s
C'phagn	17	63	s	Rome	14	57	r
Corfu	19	66	f	Salzburg	24	75	s
Dublin	14	57	s	S F'risco*	18	64	s
Dubrovnik	22	72	s	Santiago*	25	77	s
Faro	16	61	f	S Paulo*	27	81	f
Florence	15	59	r	Seoul	13	55	r
Frankfurt	25	77	s	Sing'por	28	82	f
Funchal	18	64	c	St'kholm	16	61	s
Geneva	17	63	f	Strasb'rg	22	72	s
Gibraltar	17	63	f	Sydney	20	68	s
Helsinki	13	55	s	Tangier	17	63	f
Hong K	16	61	f	Tel Aviv	27	81	s
Innsbruck	22	72	f	Tenerife	20	68	c
Istanbul	18	64	s	Tokyo	10	50	r
Jeddah	35	95	s	Toronto*	9	48	f
Jo'burg*	19	66	s	Tunis	22	72	s
Karachi	35	95	s	Valencia	11	52	r
L Palmas	20	68	c	Vanc'ver*	9	48	r
La Tquet	19	66	s	Venice	23	73	f
Lisbon	16	61	f	Vienna	23	73	s
Locarno	16	61	c	Warsaw	24	75	s
London	15	59	s	Wash'ton*	19	66	s
L Angels*	18	64	s	Wel'nton	15	59	f
Luxembg	21	70	s	Zurich	20	68	s
Luxor	39	102	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp. max 6am to 6pm, 20C (68F), min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Humidity: 6pm, 63 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 10.2hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,011.8 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Tulloch Bridge, Highland, 23C (73F)lowest day max: Butt of Lewis, Western Isles, 8C (46F); highest rainfall: Jersey, 0.05in; highest sunshine: Lerwick, Shetland, and Anglesey, 13.6hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp. max 6am to 6pm, 22C (72F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 11.6hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 20C (68F); min 6pm to 6am, 1C (34F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm. nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 11.6hr.

AROUNDBRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	11.1	-	14	57	sunny
Anglesey	11.0	-	16	61	sunny
Aviemore	10.5	-	17	63	sunny
Belfast	12.0	-	16	61	sunny
Birmingham	5.8	-	16	61	sunny
Bognor Regis	12.6	-	18	64	sunny
Bournemouth	11.7	-	19	66	sunny
Bristol	6.5	-	17	63	sunny
Buxton	6.1	-	13	55	bright
Cardiff	10.9	-	18	64	sunny
Clacton	11.7	-	17	63	sunny
Colwyn Bay	10.8	-	14	57	sunny
Edinburgh	10.6	-	12	54	sunny
Eskdalemuir	7.8	-	13	55	sunny
Falmouth	10.8	-	21	70	sunny
Folkestone	11.8	-	14	57	sunny
Glasgow	10.0	-	16	61	sunny
Guernsey	11.2	-	15	59	sunny
Hastings	12.1	-	18	64	sunny
Hunstanton	-	-	9	48	dull
Isle of Man	11.7	-	17	63	sunny
Jersey	10.2	-	17	63	sunny
Kinloss	10.2	-	12	54	sunny
Leeds	3.2	-	12	54	bright
Lerwick	12.3	-	11	52	sunny
Littlehampton	11.7	-	19	66	sunny
Liverpool	11.0	-	17	63	sunny
London	8.2	-	15	59	sunny
Lowestoft	0.6	-	9	48	cloudy
Manchester	10.6	-	16	61	sunny
Margate	4.2	-	11	52	sunny
Minehead	7.2	-	15	59	sunny
Morecambe	12.1	-	18	64	sunny
Newcastle	8.2	-	10	50	bright
Nottingham	4.2	-	15	59	sunny
Penzance	10.2	0.01	18	64	sunny
Plymouth	10.9	-	21	70	sunny
Poole	11.2	-	18	64	sunny
Salcombe	11.2	-	19	66	sunny
Saunton Snd	11.5	-	20	68	sunny
Scarborough	4.8	-	9	48	sunny
Scilly Isles	10.2	0.03	14	57	sunny
Shanklin	10.9	-	19	66	sunny
Southend	11.6	-	19	66	sunny
Southsea	11.5	-	19	66	sunny
Stornoway	13.4	-	13	55	sunny
Swanage	11.0	-	18	64	sunny
Teignmouth	11.2	-	18	64	sunny
Tenby	11.2	-	21	70	sunny
Tiree	11.8	-	14	57	sunny
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Weymouth	11.0	-	19	66	sunny
Wick	10.9	-	10	50	sunny

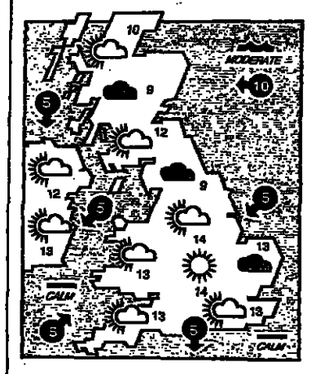
These are yesterday's figures

TOURIST RATES

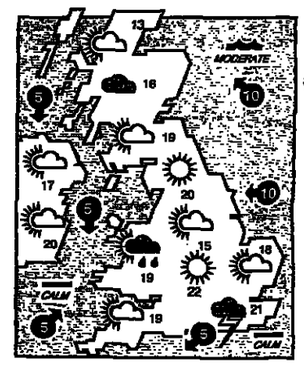
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.30	2.10
Austria Sch	18.50	17.00
Belgium Fr	54.25	49.85
Canada $	2.122	1.962
Denmark Kr	10.16	9.36
Finland Mkk	9.15	8.35
France Fr	8.86	8.16
Germany Dm	2.63	2.43
Greece Dr	352.00	327.00
Hong Kong $	12.80	11.80
Ireland Pt	1.07	0.99
Italy Lira	2405.00	2280.00
Japan Yen	193.25	174.25
Netherlands Gld	2.956	2.726
Norway Kr	11.08	10.28
Portugal Esc	241.30	223.90
South Africa Rd	5.90	5.20
Spain Pta	187.25	174.25
Sweden Kr	12.01	11.21
Switzerland Fr	2.37	2.19
Turkey Lira	15900.0	14600.0
USA$	1.672	1.542

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 8.52 pm to 5.05 am
Bristol 9.02 pm to 5.14 am
Edinburgh 9.20 pm to 5.02 am
Manchester 9.07 pm to 5.07 am
Penzance 9.10 pm to 5.30 am



Sun rises: 5.36 am
Sun sets: 8.22 pm
Moon rises 1.16 pm
Moon sets 2.37 am

Full moon May 6

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YESTERDAY

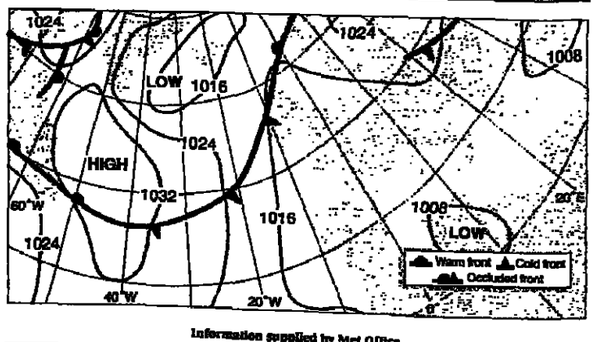
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	17	63	s	Guernsey	12	54	f
B'mgham	15	59	s	Inverness	14	57	s
Blackpool	21	70	s	Jersey	14	57	c
Bristol	15	59	f	London	15	59	s
Cardiff	15	59	s	M'nchster	19	66	s
Edinburgh	12	54	s	Newcastle	12	54	f
Glasgow	17	63	s	R'nldsway	15	59	s

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.28	8.2	6.49	5.8	Liverpool	5.54	7.8	6.44	7.7
Aberdeen	8.16	3.5	9.18	3.5	Lowestoft	4.37	2.0	4.24	2.1
Avonmouth	1.24	10.6	2.12	10.4	Margate	8.42	4.1	7.08	4.1
Ballast	5.48	3.1	6.39	2.9	Milford Haven	12.37	5.6	1.24	5.4
Cardiff	1.09	8.9	1.57	9.7	Newquay			12.24	5.5
Devonport			12.44	4.4	Oban	12.03	3.1	1.40	2.8
Dover	5.47	5.5	6.30	5.5	Penzance	12.03	4.4		
Falmouth			12.14	4.2	Portland	12.27	1.6	1.30	1.4
Glasgow	7.10	4.3	8.22	4.0	Portsmouth	5.49	3.9	6.46	4.1
Harwich	6.22	3.4	6.44	3.2	Shoreham	5.49	4.9	6.40	5.2
Holyhead	5.06	4.7	6.06	4.5	Southampton	5.44	3.8	6.41	3.9
Hull	12.47	6.1	1.06	6.0	Swansea	12.51	7.8	1.39	7.6
Ilfracombe	12.19	7.4	1.07	7.1	Tees	10.45	4.5	11.37	4.5
King's Lynn	1.07	5.1	1.21	5.2	Wilton-on-Nze	6.22	3.8	6.44	3.4
Leith	9.40	4.8	10.27	4.6					

NOON TODAY



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FRIDAY APRIL 30 1993

Insurance market faces £6bn losses over four years

Lloyd's acts to save name

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

■ **Lloyd's business plan, which allows names to opt for limited liability for the first time, is intended to restore its profitability after £6 billion losses in four years**

LLOYD'S of London yesterday announced a radical plan for reform that opens up the market to new capital on a limited liability basis and provides help to thousands of names, who are set to face record losses of up to £2.8 billion this summer.

The document, "*Planning for profit: a business plan for Lloyd's*", reveals a range of measures dedicated to stemming the flood of capital leaving the market and restoring the 300-year-old insurance market to profit.

The business plan sets a target of profits of £900 million by the 1995 year of account: a stark contrast to the estimated £6 billion of losses the market will have made in the last four years.

David Rowland, the chairman of Lloyd's, said as he unveiled the plan: "We have to think very hard indeed about an organisation that has lost that amount of money."

Part of this soul-searching has led to Mr Rowland admit that most of the market's current problems "are in a large measure self-inflicted". The blame for this is partly placed on low standards of underwriting and the inadequacy of the traditional style of management.

In future, there will be a more hands-on management approach with greater individual accountability. This change was greeted with universal support. Jeff Kilpatrick, chairman of the Lloyd's Underwriting Agents' Association, said: "The committee stands totally behind Lloyd's."

Lloyd's says it needs to bring in fresh sources of capital to resolve its current predicament. Mr Rowland says this is vital because the traditional source, the individual names, are no longer sufficient. This view is supported by Lloyd's professionals, one of whom said: "Without corporate capital Lloyd's chances of survival are limited." This is borne out by the sharp contraction in capital funding the market, which last year alone fell by more than £1.5 billion.

Peter Middleton, Lloyd's chief executive, said new companies were keen to enter the market but only on the condition that they would not bear the losses of the past. The solution proposed is that the problems of the past are "ring-fenced".

However, in achieving this Lloyd's has had to balance the interests of the existing names with those entering the market on a basis of limited liability. Mr Rowland said: "We have tried to keep a sense of fairness between the old and the new names."

This concern is voiced by many. Robert Saunders, an adviser to Lloyd's names at Smith & Williamson, said: "We broadly welcome the corporate capital measures in the plan but are anxious to be reassured that its introduction will never prejudice the interests of existing names."

Sir Peter Millar, chairman of Millars insurance brokers, said, however, that he believed Lloyd's had got the "balance banged to rights".

There are benefits to existing names of ring fencing the losses, which arise from asbestosis, pollution and health claims in the United States. By planning to sweep up all policies written before 1986 and reinsure them into a new company with limited liability, names will be free to leave the market if they want. But, more importantly, the uncertainty thousands of names face over future claims will be eradicated. Many names have been living with the prospect of future claims, of an unknown amount, for an unknown number of years, stretching

Central management of these policies will save £25 million in costs, another central plank of the plan.

The plan has highlighted the need to resolve the market's lack of cost competitiveness. Part of this will be achieved, according to the plan, by instigating cuts in the market's cost base, reducing it by £200 million by 1995.

A large part of the savings are expected to come from job cuts across the market of 2,500, a fifth of the workforce. This, along with the consolidation of syndicates and agencies, is expected to make savings of £73 million.

Further savings of £20 million will result from the proposal to centralise the administration of names' affairs, taking it away from members' agents. The balance of cost savings will come from the control of managing agents' fees and the streamlining of business processes as well as the corporation's £37 million cut in its budget, which is already under way.

Managing agents have taken millions of pounds in fees even when the names have lost money. In a move to stop this, Lloyd's is capping fees and moving to a profit-related fee structure, which will ensure that managing agents only make profits when the names do. The change is expected to save £15 million.

The plan also proposes measures to ease the liquidity problems many names will face as a result of the massive losses due to be announced this summer. Lloyd's is preparing a scheme that would give names credit for a small proportion of their 1993 premium trust funds, perhaps 5 per cent.

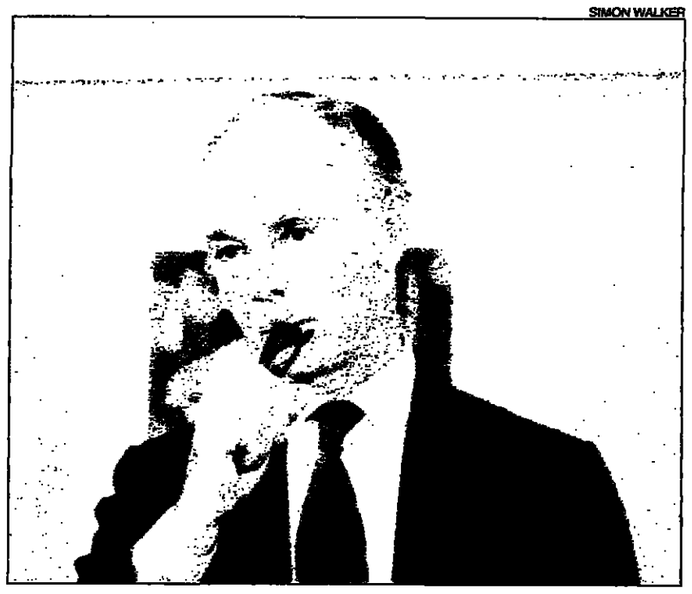
In an attempt to enable names to continue trading, the plan proposes to make a temporary reduction to its solvency requirement. Names whose means level drops below the present required level of £250,000 but exceeds £100,000 can continue underwriting as long as they have 30 per cent of their funds at Lloyd's. After one year this will rise to 35 per cent and in the following year to 40 per cent. Once a name's means level rises above £250,000, the name can resume underwriting at a 30 per cent ratio for the following year.

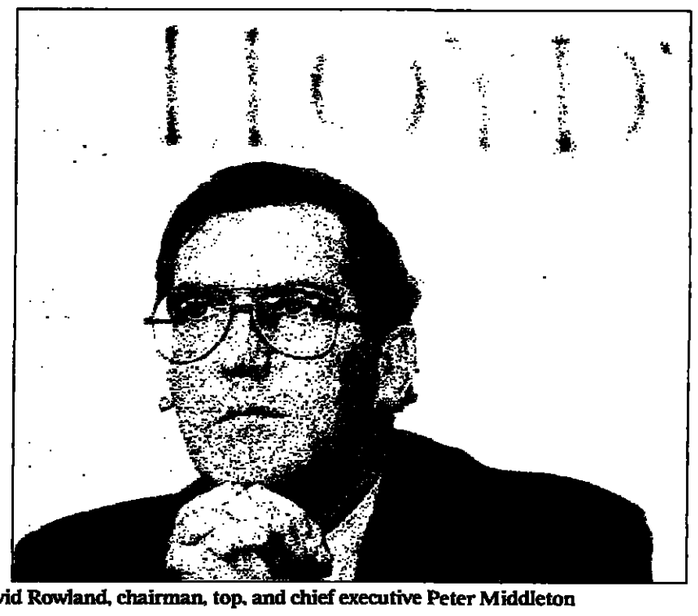
Mr Rowland said the success of the plan depends on the market practitioners and names providing a "united front" in accepting the proposals, without which "Lloyd's may have no future". The initial response from names and professionals is that Mr Rowland and Mr Middleton have come up with a plan that has gained this vital support.

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SIMON WALKER







Tall order for Lloyd's: David Rowland, chairman, top, and chief executive Peter Middleton

Hard-hit members offered no help

BY OUR INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Lloyd's of London business plan has failed to help thousands of the market's hardest-hit names, causing widespread disappointment.

Michael Deeny, chairman of the Gooda Walker action group, which represents 4,000 distressed names, said the plan was a depressing document. "It has ignored the disasters of the past," he said.

The plan provides no solution to the legal action being taken by thousands of names against their members' agents to try to recover losses totalling hundreds of millions of pounds. Peter Middleton, Lloyd's chief executive, said: "The plan deals with issues we have control over. The legal actions do not fall into this category."

The plan does, however, state that a speedy resolution is needed. That conclusion was welcomed by Christopher Stockwell, chairman of the Lloyd's Names Association working party. "It is likely that litigation will be brought to a speedy solution," he said.

The plan indicates that a contribution from the Lloyd's central fund could be made, a step for which action group chairman have been pushing this year.

A solution to the mass of litigation is considered vital to the future of Lloyd's. One loss-making name stressed: "It damages the brand name of Lloyd's, which David Rowland, the chairman, says is the market's prime asset."

The lack of any immediate solution triggers the prospect that more names will join action groups.

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A bid battle over Leyland DAF looms now that a late offer, which could save 2,027 jobs, has been put on the table
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Andrew Buxton heard, but did not react to, shareholders' fury and calls for his resignation at Barclays' annual meeting
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ICI

The market liked the higher quarterly results from ICI, the last set before the demerger of Zeneca, and the shares rose 31p
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THE POUND

US $ ....1.5752 (+0.0045)
German mark... 2.4841 (-0.0073)
Exchange index.....80.9 (-0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .....2786.8 (-10.5)
Dow Jones ...3399.72 (-13.78)*
Nikkei Avge ..... Closed

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base..... 6%
3-month Interbank..... 6⅛-6⅜
US Federal Funds 2⅞%*
3-month Treas Bills 2.90-2.89%*
Long Bond..... ..... 6.90%*

CURRENCIES

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$:Ffr	...5.3355*	£:Ffr	.... 8.3880
$:Yen	.111.73*	£:Yen	...175.87
£:SDR	..1.1079	£:ECU	..1.2706

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 354.80 ..... PM 355.60
Close 354.70-355.10
New York:
Comex 356.85-357.35*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI.....139.3 March (1.9%)
* Denotes midday trading price

Futures bring a message from the past



ANTHONY HARRIS

October 1987 is a date burnt into the memory of any but the greenest investor. Equity markets all over the world fell nearly a third in a few days of panic spreading from the index futures markets. Tokyo plunged less then, but much more later. The world's central banks, led by the US Fed, lent money to traders with both hands, then cut interest rates.

The market support operation was all according to Bagehot, who said a century ago that in a crisis, a central banker must buy any paper he is offered; and it was carried out with great skill. Nerves steadied and the markets stabilised; but they took more than three years to recover the ground lost in three days. All very orderly.

The economic support operation, however, was redundant. The market crash was not, as the bankers feared, the herald of an economic crash, as it was some 60 years earlier. On the contrary, it marked the start of a steady if unexciting recovery in America, and a runaway boom in Britain. The hindsight brigade blamed the central bankers for causing the boom by over-reacting to the markets, and they have walked delicately ever since. But here we are again. A clear but hesitant recovery in America, what looks like the start of a stronger one in the UK; and now a fright from the futures markets. Downright sinister; yet the script is subtly different. The central banks are not reacting late: on the contrary, the Fed has been trying to stimulate a recovery for years, and the Bank of England since Golden Wednesday. The markets are not plunging from an all-time high — the classic speculative climax; they have been drifting down for weeks. London has fallen more than 6 per cent since I first warned of overvaluation in March: and the better the news, the weaker the shares.

This may look perverse, but it isn't; and the beginning of wisdom is to understand why. Clear your mind of received wisdom — the commentaries which discuss the stock market as a kind of betting shop, where investors back their forecasts of the economic and corporate future. That may or may not be true in the very long run — although the huge fall in dividend yields in the past three or four decades shows that stock values can run consistently further ahead of underlying values and expected income for many years together. Indeed, one of the big questions for long-term strategists is when this trend will reach its natural limits.

In the short run — and a study by Gordon Pepper suggests that the short run may be as long as five years — prices have almost nothing to do with forecasting. They respond simply to the flow of money. Prices rise when interest rates are cut, and for good reasons. First, professional managers find that they are getting smaller and smaller returns on their cash balances, and invest them. This causes a rise in prices that attracts the non-professionals, unit trusts boom, and the market overshoots. That is why equity markets routinely peak at the trough of a recession and so get a name for heartlessness.

Retribution comes with the recovery. Government revenue falls even after the trough, since taxes take time to collect, and government borrowing peaks. Companies need money to build up production: they issue debt and shares. As demand on the market overtakes the flow of new funds, values are corrected. If the process is smooth, nobody worries much. If it is sharp, worry is in order; but the fall is still a sign of recovery. So the paradox vanishes; the market is weak because the economy is stronger.

The central banks are unlikely to be fooled by this phenomenon a second time round. If prices crash, they will limit their support to the markets. That is one reason current inflation fears look exaggerated. That should comfort officials, but not investors. Will there be another crash? There easily could be, since Wall Street dividend yields are lower, and earnings and asset multiples higher, than in any previous market climax: in 1987, or even 1929, let alone any in between.

The current weakness of prices suggests that we could still have a smoother correction. But unless you are a tremendous optimist about company efficiency, it is hard to justify current prices, let alone see much upside. That is what the futures markets are saying.

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Bid battle looms over Leyland DAF

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

A BID battle in excess of £150 million is looming over the Leyland DAF lorry building operations in Britain.

Administrative receivers have agreed outline terms for the sale of the Leyland assembly plant in Lancashire to management. However, they are also holding talks with other would-be bidders, including Ian McKinnon, a former Leyland manufacturing director, who has offered to buy the entire business.

A deal with Mr McKinnon would secure most of the 2,027 jobs in the British operations of the collapsed Anglo-Dutch group, after a £40 million sale of the Birmingham van plant to its management was completed on Monday. But a deal with the Leyland management buyout team would open the way for a break-up of the business.

Industry experts estimate that the Leyland assembly plant, which has 1,093 employees, will fetch more than £40 million. The highly profitable spares operation at Chorley, Lancashire which employs 342, has £40 million of stocks and should fetch at least £100 million. Mr McKinnon is keen to buy both operations, plus the Albion axle plant in Glasgow and most of the company's marketing operations in Thame, Oxfordshire. Together they have 592 workers. John Talbot and Murdoch McKillop, the receivers from Arthur Andersen, have to realise the maximum sum available for the creditor banks. They appear to believe that selling the business piecemeal may give it the best prospects and raise the most money. Managers at Chorley are also planning a buyout and bosses at Albion are expected to follow suit, while DAF Trucks in The Netherlands is keen to resume control of the marketing operation.

In a joint statement with the Leyland management team, Mr Talbot said the outline agreement, though subject to contract, "covers price and other critical factors". He added: "Both parties aim to reach a conclusion in the latter half of May. During this period, we will continue to talk to other interested parties."

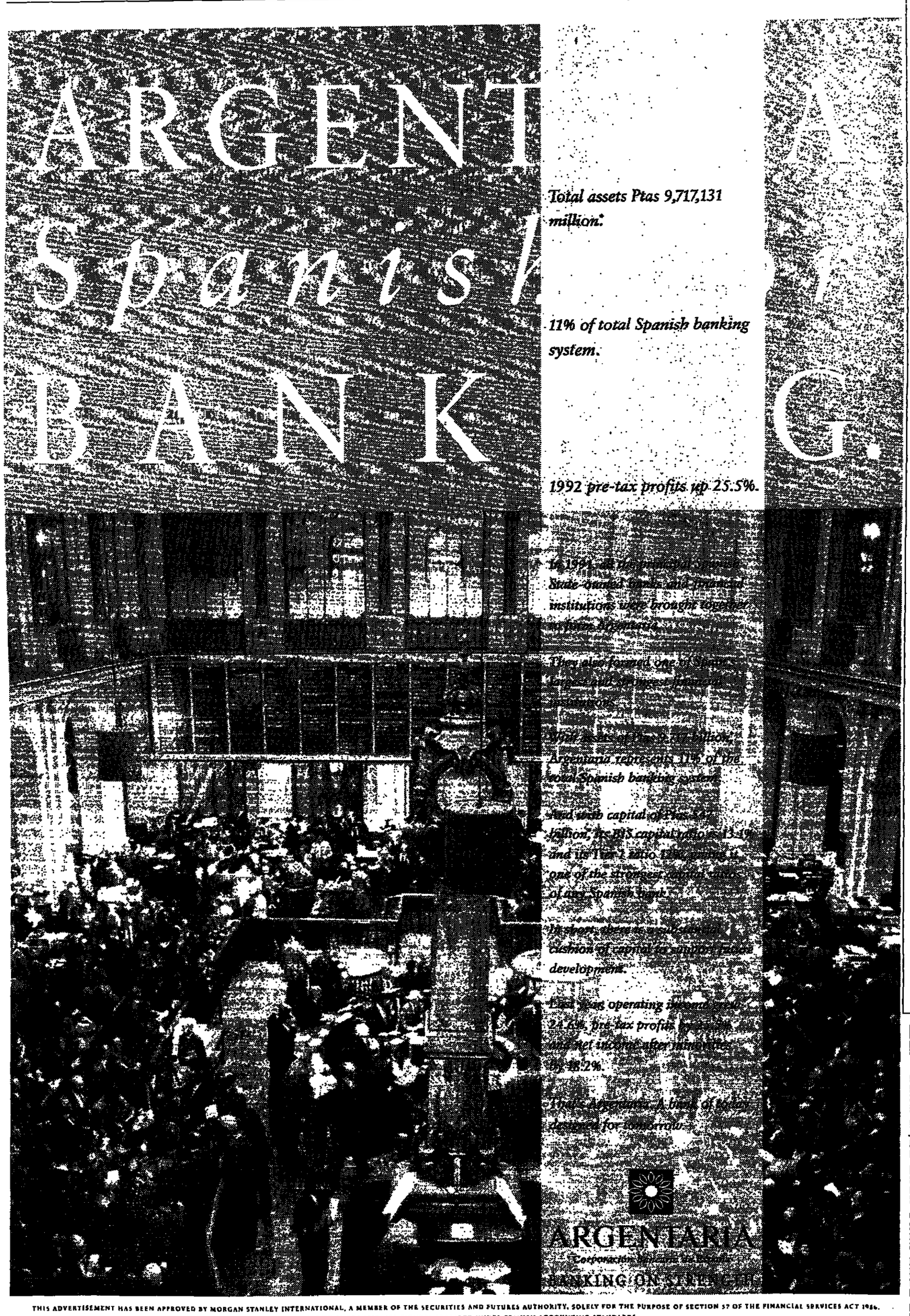
Mr McKinnon, who has engaged Dickson Minto, the solicitor, to assist in negotiations, declined to put a price on his bid. Finance has been promised by a "major" City institution, he said.

Mr McKinnon said the Leyland operation had excellent products, good production facilities, and able management. However, he would seek to bring in about ten managers, who he has already identified. Employees would be offered shares. Now managing director of British Alcan's speciality aerospace division in Birmingham, Mr McKinnon made his name in business as the manufacturing director of the Leyland lorry business from 1981 to 1985. He then took over the Leyland bus operation at Leyland and Workington, Cumbria, which was losing £30 million a year, and in 1986 mounted a management buyout, paying £4 million for the business. Eighteen months later, the managers sold it to Volvo for a rumoured price of £25 million.

The market subsequently collapsed, and little remains of the Leyland bus operation today.



On the march for jobs: Leyland DAF workers show their determination to win through adversity



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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Thorn to shed 400 jobs in factory closures

ALMOST 400 jobs are to be lost with the closure of two Thorn lighting factories. There will be 329 job losses at the Preston plant in Lancashire, phased over 18 months, and 60 redundancies at the Rodney plant near Wimbledon, south London, over the next six months. The company said it hoped to offer some workers jobs at its factory in Leicester, but could not say how many compulsory redundancies will be involved.

Bob Merrill, manufacturing vice-president of GE Lighting, which bought Thorn's light source business two years ago, said: "We have carefully analysed our total manufacturing capacity and have established that consolidating production will make the total business more competitive over the longer term." Ron Bartlett, plant manager at Preston, said: "We plan to do everything possible to help employees make the transition to other jobs." While Paul Gallagher, of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, said the closures were a "bitter blow".

Grampian lifts payout

SHARES in Grampian, the television contractor, rose 1p to 194p after the company reported an almost unchanged pre-tax profit of £3.2 million for the year to end February. But after adding in an extraordinary credit of £135,000 for tax relief on the Channel 3 licence application costs, against a £688,000 deduction in the previous year, earnings rose from 14.23p to 14.75p, out of which a total dividend of 6.1p will be paid (5.5p).

Wiggins suspension

SHARES in Wiggins Group, a debt-laden housebuilder and property developer, were suspended at 9p as the company said it was negotiating for a financial reconstruction. Wiggins, which was refinanced in 1991 after becoming involved in London Docklands, showed a deficiency of about £10 million on shareholders' funds in the year to March 1992. Stephen Hayklan is being replaced as chairman by William Syson, but remains a director.

Wimpey's £25.5m 'hit'

THE excursion by George Wimpey, the builder, into the interest rate "swap" market last year was overdone, Sir John Quinton, the chairman, told the company's annual meeting. He said that after the move to lower interest rates in the latter part of the year, the group had to take a £25 million "hit" in the accounts. This was shown as part of the group's exceptional £113.8 million write-down which left it nursing a £112.4 million pre-tax loss in 1992.

Lloyd's broker acquired

SINGER & Friedlander, the merchant bank, is acquiring Edgar Hamilton Group (EHG), the holding company of Edgar Hamilton, a Lloyd's broker. EHG's convertible preference shares, which carry the right to convert into 35 per cent of the ordinary share capital, have been acquired for £2.74 million. S&F will acquire the ordinary share capital over the next eight years for a maximum of £17.4 million. Last year, EHG's pre-tax profit was more than £872,000.

CU counts bomb cost

COMMERCIAL Union, the insurance group, said current indications are that the impact on its results of claims arising from last week's bomb in Bishopsgate is unlikely to exceed £25 million after reinsurance. It said information on possible losses is incomplete, but the impact will be included in its results for the second quarter this year. Commercial said in a brief statement it has now taken out additional reinsurance protection against losses from future acts of terrorism.

Sinclair agrees to merge

SINCLAIR Goldsmith, the quoted surveyor, is merging with Conrad Ritblat, the private firm headed by John Ritblat, chairman of British Land. Sinclair is issuing 32.3 million shares to the vendors of Conrad, valuing it at £9 million or 75 per cent of the combined group. At the same time, Sinclair is raising £2.7 million in a rights issue of 10.7 million shares on a one-for-four basis at 28p. The merger will give Conrad's shareholders about 60 per cent of the new CRSG group.

CI Group cuts dividend

CI GROUP, the West Midlands steel and engineering group, is cutting its dividend to 1p (2.05p) for the year, with a reduced final payout of 0.175p (1.225p), after pre-tax profits dived from £3.33 million to £1.51 million in the year to end-January. The decline, in "extremely difficult" trading conditions, was exacerbated by a £1 million exceptional charge. Turnover fell to £65.6 million, against £75.5 million last time. CI shares lost 4p to 24p.

Fenner attracts interest

FENNER, the engineering group, said in a brief statement it had received indications of interest which might lead to an offer being made for the company. It said it was making the statement following the recent rise in its share price. Fenner also reminded shareholders of its warning in March that the board expected to make a substantial net loss due to tax and minority interests for the half year to February 28. The shares were up 1p at 85p, compared with a year's low of 55p.

BASF earnings halved

BASF, the German chemical company, said orders in the first quarter had been unsatisfactory and there was no sign of significant change this year. First-quarter pre-tax profit fell by half to DM238 million, from DM473 million last time. The group blamed low sales volume and strong pressure on prices for the profits fall. Earnings were burdened by BASF Schwarzheide, the east German subsidiary. The company plans to cut costs and concentrate on more profitable sectors.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

FOLKES GROUP (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1m (£2.5m)
EPS: 1.25p (4.93p)
Div: 0.925p, mkg 1.5p
Last time's total dividend was 2.375p. Turnover fell to £39.8m (£43.2m). Gearing stood at 19.6%. Net asset value fell to 79p (91p).

HOPKINSONS GROUP
Pre-tax: £2.06m (£5.16m)
EPS: 1.31p (4.57p)
Div: 0.4p, mkg 1.3p
Final results. Last time's total dividend was 3.7p. There was an exceptional charge of £600,000. Turnover rose to £102.5m (£59.4m).

MAJEDIE INVS (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.7m (£1.57m)
EPS: 2.41p (2.19p)
Div: 2p (1.25p)
Net asset value rose to 204p (171p). NAV rose 20.7% in six-month period. Group expects to recommend a final dividend of 3p, making 5p (4.75p).

COMAC GROUP (Fin)
Pre-tax: £394,723
EPS: 3.9p (4.05p)
Div: 1.5p (nil)
Last time's profit was £362,424. There was an exceptional charge of £52,348. Turnover grew to £11.1m (£9.97m). Group seeking acquisition.

MERIVALE MOORE (Int)
Pre-tax: £747,000 loss
LPS: 3.66p (7.9p)
Div: Nil
There was a loss of £1.68m last time. Turnover rose to £12.4m (£12.2m). The company is continuing its withdrawal from residential property.

MOLYNEUX ESTATES
Pre-tax: £245,000 loss
LPS: 1.35p (1.22p)
Div: Nil
Interim results. There was a loss of £222,000 last time. The restated loss per share was 1.22p (3.07p). Turnover rose to £1.22m (£1.02m).

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Cautious welcome by names for Lloyd's rescue plan


Duchess of Kent


Sir Antony Pilkington


Mary Archer


Sir Freddie Laker


Virginia Wade


Edward Heath

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST AND JAMES LANDALE

LLOYD'S names, the private investors who provide the capital for the beleaguered insurance market, cautiously welcomed yesterday's action plan to revitalise the institution. However, some expressed concern that not enough had been done to help distressed names.

The list of Lloyd's names, which reads like an extract from *Who's Who*, includes members of the aristocracy, politicians, senior businessmen, show business personalities and sportspeople. It includes the Duchess of Kent, Princess Michael of Kent, Sir Antony Pilkington, Sir Edward Heath MP and Sir Freddie Laker.

Dr Mary Archer, who chairs the Lloyd's hardship committee, greeted the plan enthusiastically: "This is the right way forward to bring in fresh capital, unencumbered by the problems of the past." However, she acknowledged that some might feel dissatisfied. "I know some of the action groups will be disappointed that nothing more is being done for them but David Rowland cannot rub a magic lamp and simply produce money." Dr Archer remains confident about the future of Lloyd's: "Trading conditions are now good and I hope names will decide that the right course is to stay on and get the better returns which will be available to iron out their losses."

Virginia Wade, the tennis player, was also pleased by yesterday's events: "This will greatly enhance the market's prospects," she said. "After all, Lloyd's has to survive — it is too valuable an institution not to." Eddie Kulukundis, the theatrical impressario, who is married to Susan Hampshire, the actress and a fellow name, shared Ms Wade's enthusiasm. He said the plan "has tackled many of the problems and is a useful start which should begin to sort things out so that we can all make money in the future". Mr Kulukundis sympathised with distressed names who are not helped by the plan, but added: "I don't see how they could have been helped." He hoped that a proportion of future Lloyd's profits would be set aside for them.

Mark Cox, the tennis player, who has lost hundreds of thousands of pounds, said: "A lot of people got into Lloyd's without being told what the risks were. If they had known, they would not have got involved. Lloyd's must look after the names who have lost the most money."

Litigation by distressed names, which is likely to continue, received support from Buster Mottram, another tennis player, who is believed to have lost as much as £300,000. Roger Seelig, the former corporate financier who is now a non-executive director of Norman Hay, the engineering group, said: "The question has to be asked, why much of this was not done earlier."

Most professional names were cautiously optimistic. Neil Shaw, chairman of the Association of Lloyd's Members, said the plan addressed all the issues worrying members and was "a well thought out strategy".

Lord Strathalmond, chairman of Sturge Holdings, one of the largest Lloyd's agencies, said: "I am particularly pleased to see the moves to control capacity coming into the market."

Others had reservations. Tom Benyon, director of the Society of Names, said little had been given to names who had been pushed out of the lifeboat. "I am not confident that [they] will make it back to the shore," he said.

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First-quarter profit gain boosts ICI share price

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

ICI, Britain's largest manufacturing company, yesterday reported a rise in first-quarter profits, its last results before the demerger of Zeneca, the life sciences business, and the launch of a £1.3 billion cash call.

The shares rose 31p to 1,278p, near their high for the year so far of 1,288p, after the group announced pre-tax profits up from £212 million to £233 million on sales up from £3.05 billion to £3.33 billion. But ICI said £50 million of its first-quarter trading profits came from foreign exchange gains.

Sir Denys Henderson, the group's chairman, said: "ICI has maintained its trading profit in market conditions that continue to be difficult, particularly in continental Europe, and has benefited from the extensive programmes of self-help and cost cutting on which it has been engaged since 1991. The group as a whole enjoyed substantial gains from currency rates during the quarter.

"While there are signs of economic recovery in some markets, these have not yet led to an improvement in volume and pressure on prices in general remains. It is too early to express any definite views regarding the prospects for the full year. However, a continuing competitive pound and the restructuring programmes will benefit both ICI and Zeneca."

Analysts were pleasantly surprised by the figures and impressed with the benefits of cost cuts. They had originally forecast terms of the rights issue, to be held on the Zeneca half of ICI, at one for three, but are now looking at two for seven when terms are announced on May 12. Shareholders meet to approve the deal on May 28 and trading in the new shares is due to start on June 1.

The old ICI chemicals business raised trading profit by 3 per cent to £75 million on sales up 7 per cent to £2.29 billion. Exchange rates boosted sales 9 per cent countering the 2 per cent fall in selling prices.

Paints fell £4 million to £18 million because of lower volumes in Europe and United States. The trading profits from materials fell to just £1 million against £12 million last time, because of strong competition in Europe which is forcing down prices and volumes.

Industrial chemicals rose £8 million to £25 million because of continuing cost reductions and help from exchange rates.

At Zeneca, trading profit rose 13 per cent to £204 million thanks to a rise at pharmaceuticals from £121 million to £154 million, confirming the trading statement issued last week in the draft prospectus for the demerger. Zeneca sales rose from £1 billion to £1.13 billion. Exchange gains added 14 per cent, slightly higher prices added 1 per cent but divestments knocked 2 per cent off.

In pharmaceuticals, sales of Zestril, used to treat hypertension and congestive heart failure; Diprivan, an anaesthetic; Zoladex, a drug to treat prostate cancer and Nolvadex, a drug to treat breast cancer, were up 57 per cent. Of this, 33 per cent was volume and 21 per cent was exchange benefit. A small increase of 3 per cent in prices also helped.

Tenormin, the heart drug that went off patent in America last year suffered again, with sales down 10 per cent worldwide. Prices fell slightly, and volumes fell 21 per cent.

Agrochemicals fell to £37 million from £51 million last time, thanks to what ICI describes as the uncertainties surrounding common agricultural policy in reducing sales volumes in Western Europe. The specialties business rose from £14 million to £20 million.

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Surprising the analysts: Sir Denys Henderson unveiled profits of £233 million

Tiphook shares take a tumble

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

TIPHOOK, the world's second largest container rental company, saw its shares fall 21.5 per cent to 230p after an updated business statement said year end profits would be lower and market conditions remain tough.

Tiphook said it aimed to raise the 1993 dividend by at least 2p to 19.3p a share, but the company's broker, UBS, has cut its year end profits forecast from £75 million to £58 million.

The company itself had said that 1993 profits will be at least 20 per cent below expectations. For its 1992 financial year ended April 30, Tiphook reported pre-tax profits of £86.4 million.

Tiphook said there had been a number of recent developments to justify the issue of a business update and dividend forecast.

Since publication last December of interim results, trading conditions in its main markets had worsened. Utilisation percentages had fallen in both the container and the trailer rental divisions. The group is writing down certain trade investments, and costs associated with head-office moves and vacated property are estimated at £4 million. There will be various charges against profits associated with a preference share redemption, it added.

Tiphook has sold 9,532 trailers from a fleet of 33,681 which will generate a profit of £16 million, and the group has undertaken to buy 11,000 new trailers over the next five years for £387 million.

The board says the indication of a higher total 1993 dividend underlines its confidence, and that the group is well placed to benefit from stronger trading conditions.

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Times team fields questions

BY RAY CLANCY

THE business community has a unique opportunity to influence economic policy in Britain because the government is too weak and vulnerable to ignore grassroot opinions, a conference was told yesterday.

The breakfast gathering, organised by *The Times* and Bristol Chamber of Commerce and Initiative, exchanged a wide variety of views on the recession and economic recovery.

About 100 businessmen and women discussed the pros and cons of rejoining the exchange-rate mechanism. There was good news and bad news from two experts. Anatole Kaletsky, economics editor of *The Times*, and Anthony Harris, a business columnist with the paper.

The audience was urged by Mr Kaletsky to take the chance to hasten recovery. He said: "The business community can really influence the prospects of this nation in a way that has not been possible in living memory. We have a very weak government that is very vulnerable to criticism. So you can do something to force the government to save the economy."

It was agreed that the recession is over but views differed on how long the recovery will take. Mr Harris said he believes that big companies are already feeling the effects of recovery, but it will be some considerable time before small businesses see an upturn.

The businessmen and women said that they were concerned about how central government viewed regional areas. Their main worries were costs and the ERM.

Company chiefs to step down

BY OUR CITY STAFF

VETERANS at the top of two of Britain's best-known companies said they would be bowing out.

Robert Evans, chairman of British Gas, is to retire in June next year, the company's annual meeting was told. Mr Evans, 65, was appointed to the position in 1989.

His salary was cut last year to £379,484, from £435,222 in 1991, when he was both chairman and chief executive. He handed over the chief executive's job to Cedric Brown in August last year. Mr Brown is seen as a potential successor.

The news that Mr Evans is to retire comes three months before the outcome of a monopolies commission enquiry into British Gas. Mr Evans has had prickly relations with Ofgas, the industry regulator, and his departure could mean a better partnership in future.

Lord Forte is finally bowing out from the board of the hotels group that bears his name. He and three other directors do not wish to stand for re-election at the company's annual meeting on May 24. Lord Forte, 84, retired as chairman in October but continues as the group's president.

☐ Simon Moffat, finance director of Hillsdown Holdings, the food group, is leaving after less than a year, the annual meeting was told. He will be replaced by Ray Mackie, previously a corporate finance partner with KPMG, the company's auditors.

Sir John Nott, who took over as chairman at the meeting, said Mr Moffat's appointment had not worked out as envisaged. Mr Moffat was previously finance director with Kwik Save, the supermarket group, and joined Hillsdown in June 1992.

Sir John, who took over the chair from Sir Harry Solomon, said the current year had started reasonably well. Trading was up to expectations.

☐ Robert Speirs becomes finance director of the Royal Bank of Scotland Group from July 1. He joins from Olympia and York Canary Wharf, where he is finance director, and succeeds Kenneth Thompson, who is retiring.

Never on a Sunday at Kwik Save

BY OUR CITY EDITOR

KWIK Save, the food discount stores group which refuses to trade on Sunday, yesterday attacked the government over Sunday trading and said it believed rival stores were gaining sales at the expense of high street traders.

Graeme Seabrook, chief executive, said: "The government appears to be endorsing the law of the jungle in preference to the very specific intent of the statute books. We accept that a compromise is required. However, selective law-breaking cannot be condoned by the authorities."

Kwik Save served up a 19 per cent increase in first half profits to £61 million on sales up from £1,216 million to £1,384 million. Earnings per share are up 18.9 per cent from 22.29p to 26.5p. The dividend is increased by 14.9 per cent from 4.7p to 5.4p.

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Meyer in £70m cash call

BY CARL MORTISHED

MEYER International, the builders merchant, is raising £70 million in a rights issue aimed at reducing its £130 million of borrowings. After four years of cost-cutting, Meyer needs working capital to position itself for a recovery in the housing market. Pre-tax profits for the year to March 30 are estimated to have been £14.2 million, compared with a restated loss of £20 million last time.

Shareholders are offered 24.8 million shares on a one-for-four basis at 290p, a 21 per cent discount to the price before the announcement. Meyer is cutting the final payout from 12.3p to 5.8p, or 10p for the year (16.5p).

Richard Jewson, chairman, said profits were insufficient to cover a maintained dividend. Earnings per share were estimated at 10.2p.

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Buxton sidesteps calls to resign from Barclays


Committed to integrity: Andrew Buxton of Barclays

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

ANDREW Buxton, the chairman and chief executive of Barclays Bank, yesterday sidestepped a chorus of calls from shareholders for his resignation and brushed off criticisms over his integrity.

The shareholders took the opportunity of Barclays' annual meeting in London to voice their fury over the bank's £242 million pre-tax loss for 1992, £2.5 billion bad debt provisions and the board's decision to halve the final dividend payment.

The mood of the meeting, attended by 420 shareholders, was one of frustration. Each call for Mr Buxton to step down was greeted with a rousing round of applause.

When one shareholder said: "I think that you should demonstrate your commitment to integrity and resign", Mr Buxton said: "Like you, I am committed to integrity. We have shown a lot of progress last year and we should be looking to the future."

Told he should "bow to the opinion of the meeting" and resign, Mr Buxton said the bank had taken real steps that should lead to improvements in the future. "The board have given me a job to do as chairman. We have started that process. We are seeing the company starting to recover. When you look at the operating results in 1992, they are extremely good. What they tell you is that there is a lot going on in your company which will improve it."

He said that the return to shareholders and the remuneration of directors will improve as the company recovers.

Another shareholder said that keeping the bank's present board was "tantamount to putting Dracula in charge of a blood bath. You are all flawed, why don't you go"? Mr Buxton told him: "We are learning from the past and we are improving the business for you in the future. I do not think that the wholesale sacking of your board and your management are in your interests or in the interests of the company. What you want is a better company and so do we."

Mr Buxton repeated his promise to split the role of chairman and chief executive. At the end of last month, Barclays said that a sub-group, headed by Sir Denys Henderson, a non-executive director of Barclays and ICI chairman, had been appointed to look for a new chief executive.

Mr Buxton said: "I am personally looking forward to the appointment of our chief executive. My job as chairman is to ensure that the group has the correct strategies, to maintain a dialogue with you, the shareholders, and to chair the board. The job of the chief executive will be to ensure the hands-on implementation of strategy, and the smooth running of the group."

Asked what the "correct strategy" would be, he said: "producing value for the shareholders". As chairman, he would take accountability for that strategy. Barclays shareholders, said Mr Buxton, "must recognise that when they invest in a bank they are investing in something which invests in risk. Sometimes the risk is not reflected in the reward."

One investor spoke in defence of Mr Buxton, urging the others to look ahead instead of complaining about past problems.

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PAYMENT OF DIVIDEND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to shareholders that following a Resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting of shareholders held on 28th April, 1993, a Dividend for the year 1992 of DM. 11.00 per share of DM. 50 nominal will be paid as from 29th April, 1993 against delivery of Coupon No. 52.

All dividends will be subject to deduction of German Capital Yields Tax of 25%.

The net amount of dividend is payable in German Marks. Paying Agents outside Germany will pay in the currency of the country in which the Coupon is presented at the rate of exchange on the day of presentation.

Coupon No. 52 may be presented as from 29th April, 1993 at the Company's Paying Agent in the United Kingdom:-

S.G.Warburg & Co. Ltd.
2 Finsbury Avenue,
London EC2M 2PA

from whom claim forms may be obtained.

United Kingdom Income Tax will be deducted at the rate of 5% (5 pence in the £1) unless claims are accompanied by an affidavit.

German Capital Yields Tax deducted in excess of 15% is recoverable by United Kingdom residents. The Company's United Kingdom Paying Agent will, upon request, provide the appropriate form for such recovery.

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STOCK MARKET

Shares rally to stem early losses

THE equity market showed signs of recovering some of its poise yesterday, as the welter of futures-related selling which has dogged it this week dried up.

Fearing another wave of futures selling, market-makers slashed prices. But the shake-out proved short-lived, with the worst of the fall occurring less than ten minutes after the start of official business. Activity on the futures market turned out to be far more restrained, allowing the cash market to regain its confidence and retrieve some earlier losses.

The FT-SE 100 index, down almost 24 points at its low of the day, closed 10.5 points down at 2,797.3. Dealers said it might have even crept into positive territory had it not had to contend with an opening fall on Wall Street. Trading conditions remained thin, with 542 million shares changing hands.

ICI made further headway, touching £12.90 before closing 31p better at £12.78 after reporting better than expected first-quarter pre-tax profits, up from £212 million to £233 million. The figures were bolstered by currency gains. Sir Denys Henderson, chairman, said soon-to-be-demerged Zeneca had turned in a robust performance.

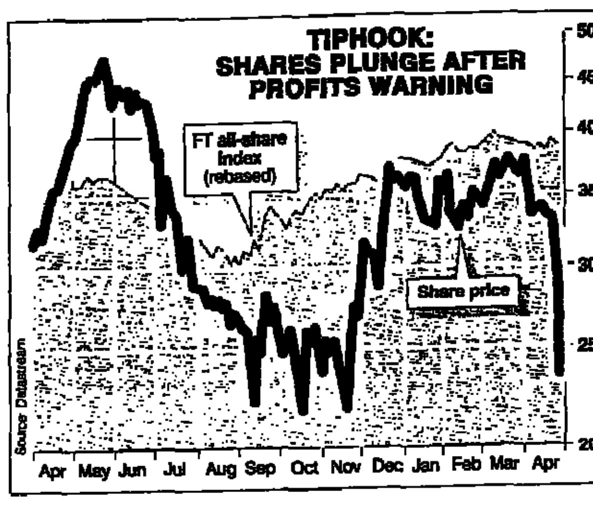
Barclays Bank fell 7p to 422p after the annual general meeting, where an attempt to remove the board failed.



Montague: profit warning

There was an excited flurry of trading in **BAT Industries**, with the price tumbling 20p before recovering to close all-square at 838p. The nervousness was generated by a statement from rival Philip Morris in the US which said it had not ruled out further price cuts on its more popular brands. Brokers later took the view that the statement went no further than previous annoucements.

The reason for the recent dramatic decline in **Tiphook**, the container and trailer rental group, became apparent after the group yesterday issued a profits warning. The shares responded with a fall of more than £1 at one stage. Director Rupert Hambro took the opportunity to pick up a parcel of 10,000 shares at 190p. They later closed at 230p, a fall on the day of 63p.



Robert Montague, Tiphook chairman, said that pre-tax profits in the second half will fail to match the £35.2 million made in the first half. Profits for the full year to April 20 are also expected to be 20 per cent below previous estimates.

Analysts had been forecasting a final outcome of between £73 million and £77 million. The one sweetner for shareholders was that the dividend will be increased by 2p to 19.3p. The group is also to buy a total of 11,000 trailers during the next five years for an estimated £387 million.

Kwik Save, the discount food retailer, hardened 3p to 779p after reporting half-ime pre-tax profits 19 per cent higher at £61 million. But the performance was tempered by a warning that it does not expect to maintain the pace in the second half. The group says it has continued to make substantial gains in market share despite fierce competition, helped by an aggressive pricing policy and the opening of 24 new stores during the first half.

Hillsdown, the food to furniture group now under new management, firmed 1p to 157p. Simon Moffatt, finance director, is leaving after only a year in the job. He has been replaced by Ray Mackie, who joined the company in January. Sir John Nott, recently appointed chairman, announced the news at the annual general meeting. He said the current year had started reasonably well, with trading up to expectations.

Forte, Britain's biggest hotel chain, is also undertaking a boardroom reshuffle. Six of its 16 directors will be retiring during the next month. There are no plans to appoint new directors.

First-time dealings in **Regent Inns**, the pubs operator, were encouraging following a placing of shares by Greig Middleton, the broker, at 135p. They opened at 165p, before settling at 151p, a premium of 16p.

Tarmac fell 4p to 133p as investors considered Tuesday's losses, the biggest in Britain's building industry. Despite the setback, the group has attracted a number of buy recommendations since the figures were published. Yamaichi, the Japanese stockbroker, says the shares are still undervalued, despite outperforming the rest of the market by more than 30 per cent since the start of the year. It says the group should benefit fully from the economic recovery.

MICHAEL CLARK

Hong Kong rallies on new talks

SHARES in Hong Kong clawed back nearly all their early losses on news that a date for the third round of Sino-British talks on local political change would be announced later in the day after the second round ended.

The Hang Seng index closes 10.85 points off at 6,884.05 after being down 60 points earlier. Samuel Lau, of Seapower Securities, said: "The third round date helped, but there is also the view that the talks could drag on, so it failed to provide a big boost."

Hutchison, a market laggard, topped the most active list, jumping 80 cents to HK$19.80. It was followed by HSBC Holdings, which lost HK$1 to HK$72.

□ **Singapore** — The market ended mixed with profit-taking matched by light buying. The Straits Times industrial index eased 0.70 to 1,779.22 points.

□ **Frankfurt** — Equities clawed their way back from a sharp early fall to end 4.93 points down at 1,623.94, but dealers said the fundamental background remained gloomy and that technical indicators could point either way.

□ **Sydney** — The All Ordinaries index finished 23.2 lower at 1,680.3 after a low of 1,678.6. Brokers said further losses are likely.

□ **Tokyo** — The market was closed for a one-day national holiday.

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MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Hogg Robinson	193p (+11p)
Shiloh	114p (+11p)
Weir	643p (+12p)
Bristol	330p (+20p)
Blenheim Group	535p (+15p)
Thomson Corp	775p (+10p)
Intereurope	175p (+12p)
Sappi	417p (+35p)
Merivale Moore	49p (+10p)

FALLS:

Kleinwort Benson	389p (-12p)
Standard Chart	733p (-15p)
Wellcome	722p (-13p)
Compass Group	546p (-11p)
Friendly Hotels	166p (-11p)
Boots	451p (-11p)
Broken Hill	659p (-15p)

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RECENT ISSUES

David Brown (70)	214	+2
Fleming Emerging Mkts	105	...
Gaelic Resources Wts	¼	...
Hambros Ins Serv (138)	149	...
Holliday Chemical (195)	214	+1
Oriental Smllr Co Wts	40	...
Quality Software Prods	491	...
Regent Inns (135)	151	...
Stagecoach (112)	125	-2
Westminster Hlthcre	287	-3
Yorkshire Food (110)	132	-3

RIGHTS ISSUES

AAF N/P (175)	23pm	...
Atlas Cnvrtg Equip n/p	111	...
Avesco n/p (63)	20	...
Bemrose n/p (265)	66	-4
Bensons Crisps n/p (58)	7	...
Channel Hldgs n/p (23)	1	-½
EIS n/p (340)	20	...

WALL STREET

New York — US shares were lower at midday on concerns about a slowing economy and the prospects of inflation, following a weaker than expected economic report. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 11.62 points at 3,401.88. Guy Truickio, portfolio manager at Unity Management, said: "There's weakness in the transport sector, which is mostly the result of the GDP numbers." The gross domestic product rose 1.8 per cent for the first three months, well below the 2.4 per cent expected.

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	Apr 29 midday	Apr 28 close
AMF Inc	60¾	60¾
AMR Corp	67¼	68¼
Abbott Labs	27¼	27½
Aetna Life	49½	49½
Ahmanson (HF)	17¾	18
Air Prod & Chem	43¾	43½
Albertson's	53¾	54
Alcan Aluminum	18¾	18¾
Alco Standard	47½	46¾
Allied Signal	62¾	62¾
Alum Co of Am	65½	65¾
Amax	16¾	16¾
Amerada Hess	53½	53½
Amer Brands	31¼	31½
Amer Cyanamid	51½	51½
Amer El Power	36½	37
Amer Express	28¾	27¾
Amer Genl Corp	29¾	30
Amer Home Pr	66½	66¾
Amer Intl	125½	119¾
Amer Stores	40¾	40½
Amer T & T	56¾	56½
Ameritech	75¾	75¾
Amoco	54¼	54¼
Anheuser-Busch	47¼	48
Apple Computer	50¾	51½
Archer Daniels	24¼	24¼
Arkla	8¼	9
Armco	6¾	6¾
Armstrng Wrld	33¼	33½
Asarco	19¾	19¾
Ashland Oil	25½	25¾
Atl Richfield	123¾	124½
Auto Data Pro	49	49¾
Avery Dennison	30¾	30¾
Avon Products	53¾	53¾
Baker Hughes	26¾	26½
Baltim Gas & El	25¾	25¾
Banc One	54¾	54¼
BankAmerica	45¾	46¼
Bank of NY	53¾	53¾
Bankers Tr NY	69¼	70
Barnett Banks	43½	43½
Bausch & Lomb	50½	50½
Baxter Intl	27¾	28
Bectn Dicknsn	34	34½
Bell Atlantic	51½	51½
BellSouth	52¾	53
Black & Decker	19	18¾
Block (H&R)	33¾	33¾
Boeing	38	37½
Boise Cascade	25½	25¾
Borden Inc	23¾	24
Bristol Myrs Sq	60¾	60¾
Browning Ferris	28¾	27¾
Burlington Nthn	52½	52¾
CBS	232¾	233½
CNA Financial	96½	96½
CPC Intl	41¾	41½
CSX	71½	72¼
Campbell Soup	37¾	38½
Can Pacific	16½	16¾
Cptl Cities ABC	529¼	528
Cptl Holdings	78½	78
Carolina Pwr	33½	33½
Caterpillar	67	67¾
Central & SW	32½	32½
Champion Intl	33¼	33¼
Chase Manhat	30¾	30¾
Chemical Bk	38¾	38¾
Chevron Corp	84½	85
Chrysler	40¾	41
Chubb Corp	88¾	87½
Cigna Corp	60½	60
Citicorp	27¾	27½
Clorox	49	49
Coastal Corp	27	26¼
Coca Cola	39½	39¾
Colgate-Palmolive	57¼	58
Columbia Gas	23½	23½
Commonw Ed	28	28¾
Compaq Comp	47½	48
Comp Ass Intl	22¾	22½
Conagra	34½	34
Cons Edison	35½	35¾
Cons Nat Gas	50¾	50½
Cons Rail	49½	50¾
Cooper Inds	46½	46½
Corning Inc	34¼	34½
Crown Cork	38¾	38¾
Dana Corp	47¾	48½
Dayton Hudson	70½	70¾
Deere	59¼	58½
Delta Air Lines	56½	57¼
Deluxe Corp	44½	44½
Detroit Edison	35½	35½
Digital Equip	43½	43½
Dillard Dept St	37½	38
Disney (Walt)	40½	41¼
Dominion Res	43½	43¾
Donnelley (RR)	26¾	26¾
Dover Corp	47½	47¾
Dow Chemicals	54½	54¾
Dow Jones	31½	31½
Dresser	20½	20½
Duke Power	39	39¾
Dun & Bradstreet	56¼	59¼
Du Pont	53½	53
Eastman Kodak	47¼	47¼
Eaton Corp	91½	92

	Apr 29 midday	Apr 28 close
Emerson Elec	57¾	57
Engelhard Corp	32¼	29¾
Enron Corp	55¾	56½
Entergy Corp	35¼	35¼
Ethyl Corp	28¼	28¼
Exxon	65¾	65¾
FMC Corp	44	44
FPL Group	37¾	37½
Federal Express	49¾	50¾
Fed Nat Mtge	76½	76¼
First Chicago	39	39¾
First Interstate	54¾	54¼
First Union Rlty	11½	11½
Fleet Fnl Grp	31½	31½
Fluor Corp	40½	40
Ford Motor	54¾	54¼
GTE Corp	35¾	35¼
Gannett	52	51¼
Gap Inc Del	28¾	28¼
Gen Cinema	35¾	35¼
Gen Dynamics	95¾	95½
Gen Electric	91¼	90¾
Gen Mills	65¼	65¾
Gen Motors	41¼	42½
Gen Reinsurance	114¼	112¾
Gen Signal	62	61¼
Genuine Parts	34	33¾
Georgia Pac	65½	66½
Gillette	51¼	51¼
Glaxo ADR	18¼	18¼
Goodrich (BF)	46	46¼
Goodyear Tire	74	74¼
Grace (W&R)	39¼	39¾
Gt Atl Pac Tea	28¾	29
Great Wstn Fin	16¾	16¼
Halliburton	40¾	41
Heinz (HJ)	36	36
Hercules	74¼	73½
Hershey Foods	51½	51½
Hewlett Packard	73¼	73
Hilton Hotels	44¼	44¼
Home Depot	41½	42¼
Homestake	16¼	16¼
Honeywell	34¼	34¼
Household Intl	66¾	66¼
Houston Inds	46½	46½
Humana	8½	8½
ITT Corp	79¾	79¾
Illinois Tool	71½	71½
INCO	22¾	22¾
Ingersoll Rand	32¼	33¼
Inland Steel	21¼	22½
Intel Corp	93¼	94¼
IBM	49½	49¼
Intl Flav & Fr	111½	111½
Intl Paper	65¾	65½
James River Va	20½	20¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	42¾	42½
K Mart	22¾	22¾
Kellogg	56½	56½
Kerr-McGee	48¼	49½
Kimberly-Clark	47¼	47¾
Knight-Ridder	57¾	58
Lilly (Eli)	48¼	48
Limited Inc	23¼	22¾
LIN Brdcstng	85	85¾
Lincoln Nat	79¾	79
Litton	56¾	57½
Liz Claiborne	34½	34½
Lockheed Corp	61	61
Louisiana Pac	70	69¾
MCI Commun	46½	47¼
Marriott	24¼	24¼
Marsh & McLnn	88¾	88¼
Masco Corp	31¼	31¼
May Dept St	69¾	69¾
Maytag Corp	13½	13½
McCaw Cellular	36½	36¼
McDonalds	47¾	48
McDonnell D	59½	59¼
McGraw Hill	61½	61½
Mead Corp	45¾	45½
Medtronic	65½	66¼
Mellon Bk	54¼	56¼
Melville Corp	45	45
Merck Inc	36¾	37½
Merrill Lynch	69	68¾
Minnesota Mine	111¼	111½
Mobil Corp	69¾	69¾
Monsanto	54½	54½
Morgan (JP)	67	67½
Motorola Inc	71¼	70¼
Natl Medical	7½	7½
Natl Semi	12¾	12½
Natl Service Ind	26½	26¾
Navistar Int	2½	2½
NBD Bancorp	30½	31½
NY Times A	29½	29
Newmont Mng	47¼	47½
Niag Mohawk	22¼	22¼
Nike B	69	70
NL Industries	4¾	5
Nordstrom	29½	29¾
Norfolk Sthrn	60¾	61
Ntlhn State Pwr	45¼	45½
Norwest Corp	50¾	49¾
Nynex Corp	84½	85½
Occidental Pet	21¾	21½
Ohio Edison	24½	24¾
Oracle Systems	34	34

	Apr 29 midday	Apr 28 close
Oryx Energy Co	22	22
Owens Corning	39¾	39½
PNC Financial	31½	31½
PPG Industries	73½	72½
Paccar Inc	59½	59¾
Pacificorp	17¼	17¼
Pac Enterprises	23¾	23¾
Pac Gas & Elect	32¼	32½
Pac Telesis	45½	45¼
Pall Corp	18½	18½
Panhandle East	20½	20½
Paramnt Comm	51½	51¼
Parker Hannifin	29½	29¼
Penney (JC)	83	83½
Pennzoil	62¾	62½
Pepsico	37½	37½
Pfizer	67¼	68¼
Phelps Dodge	44¼	44¼
Philadel Elec	29¾	29¾
Philip Morris	45¼	45½
Phillips Pet	28¼	28¼
Pitney Bowes	40¼	40¼
Polaroid	32¾	32¼
Price Co	28¼	28½
Primerica	44¼	44½
Procter & Gmbl	48	48¼
Pub Serv E & G	33¾	34
Quaker Oats	65¾	66¼
Ralston Purina	46½	47½
Raychem Corp	41½	41½
Raytheon	57¼	57½
Reebok Intl	36½	36
Reynolds Metals	42½	44
Roadway Srvcs	57½	59
Rockwell Intl	32¼	32¼
Rohm & Haas	60¼	60¼
Royal Dutch	88¼	89¼
Rubbermaid	31¼	31½
Safeco Corp	57¼	57¼
St Paul's Cos	80¾	79½
Salomon Inc	35	35¼
Santa Fe S Pac	16¼	16½
Sara Lee Corp	25½	25½
Seecorp	48	48½
Schering Plough	65¼	65¼
Schlumberger	63¼	64¼
Scott Paper	33¼	33¾
Seagram	30	29¾
Sears Roebuck	52¾	53½
Shell Trans	52¼	53
Sherwin Wllms	31½	31¼
Skyline Corp	19	19
Snap-On-Tools	37½	37
Southern Co	42½	42¼
Sthwestern Bell	76½	75¼
Sprint Corp	31¼	31½
Stanley Works	46¼	46½
Sun Company	24¼	24¼
Suntrust	43¼	43¼
Supervalu	31½	31¼
Syntex Corp	18¼	19
Sysco Corp	24¼	24¼
TRW Inc	63	63¼
Tandem Comp	10¾	10¾
Tandy Corp	29	28¾
Telecom Corp	2¼	2½
Teledyne	19	19
Temple Inland	43½	44
Tenneco	46¼	46½
Texaco	63¼	64½
Texas Inst	55¾	55¾
Texas Utilities	46¾	47
Textron	48¼	48¼
Time Warner	32¾	33½
Times-Mirror	31	31¼
Timken	31¼	31½
Torchmark	54¼	55¾
Toys R Us	37	37¼
Transamerica	48¾	49
Travelers Corp	27¼	27½
Tribune	53¼	53½
Tyco Labs	42¼	43
UAL Corp	145¼	145¼
UST Inc	28½	28¾
USX Marathon	18¼	18¼
Unilever NV	112¾	113¾
Union Camp	44½	44¾
Union Carbide	19¾	20½
Union Pacific	60¾	60¾
Unisys Corp	11½	12¼
USAIR Group	20¾	21¼
USF&G Corp	16¾	17
US Life	37½	37½
US West	42¼	42½
United Tech	48¼	49½
Unocal Corp	30¾	31½
Upjohn	29¾	29¾
VF Corp	48¾	49¾
Wal-Mart Stores	26¾	26¾
Warner-Lambert	72½	73½
Waste Mgmnt Inc	32¾	32½
Wells Fargo	104½	106¼
Westinghouse El	15½	15¾
Weyerhaeuser	43¼	44
Whirlpool	54¾	54¼
Whitman	13¼	13¾
Winn Dixie	54¼	54¾
Woolworth	30	30
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	32¼	31½
Xerox	75¾	75¼

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LEGAL NOTICES

To the shareholders of

GN Great Nordic

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held on Monday 17 May 1993 at 3.30 pm at Industriens Hus, H.C. Andersens Boulevard 18, DK-1596 Copenhagen V, to transact the following business:

a. To receive and consider the report for the year ended 31 December 1992.

b. To receive and adopt the annual financial statements and discharge the Board of Directors and the Management from their obligations.

c. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution for the distribution of the net profit for the year, including the declaration of a dividend on the shares of the Company.

d. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution proposed by the Board of Directors that a number of minor amendments to the Articles of Association of the Company be adopted in compliance with the provisions of the Danish Companies Act as amended; Article 10: contents of the notice convening a general meeting, Article 11: the time of the ordinary general meeting, Article 13: requirement for time limit for registration of shares, Article 18: representation at a general meeting of temporarily non-voting shares, Article 20: disclosure of other directorships, Article 22: duty of the Board of Directors to consider the Company's capital adequacy ratio, Article 25: separate tasks performed for the Board of Directors by individual Board members.

e. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution proposed by the Board of Directors that the Company be entitled to acquire up to 10 per cent of its own shares.

f. To elect Directors in the place of those retiring.

g. To appoint two auditors for the current financial year.

For the passing of the resolution set out under item d. on the agenda, it is required under Article 18 of the Articles of Association that not less than one quarter of the share capital be represented at the General Meeting and that the resolution be approved by not less than two thirds of the votes cast and two thirds of the voting share capital represented at the General Meeting. In the event that the required percentage of the share capital is not represented, but where the resolution has been approved by the above-mentioned qualified majority of votes, the resolution may, however, be finally passed at a new general meeting convened for the transaction of this business by the said qualified majority, irrespective of the percentage of the voting share capital represented at the General Meeting.

From Thursday 6 May 1993 the agenda and the full and complete resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting, as well as the annual financial statements and consolidated accounts with the Auditors' Report and the Report of the Directors, will be available for inspection by the shareholders at the Company's registered office at Kongens Nytorv 26, second floor, and in London and Paris, and not later than eight days prior to the General Meeting the said material will be posted to any shareholder on the Company's register of members to such address as has been given to the Company.

Admission cards to the General Meeting will, until five days prior to the meeting, be available at request from the Company's office on all weekdays (excluding Saturdays) between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm to any shareholder who can prove a good title to his shares. As far as bearer shares are concerned, the shareholder shall prove his title to such shares by presenting a statement of his holding of shares in the Company, dated 5 May 1993 and issued by the shareholder's account-holding bank.

Any right to vote shall be conditional upon the voting share being registered in the name of the shareholder and entered in the register of members maintained by the Company and upon the shareholder being entitled to attend the meeting pursuant to the above-mentioned provisions. Where the shareholder has acquired the share by way of transfer, the share shall furthermore have been registered in the name of the shareholder for not less than three months prior to the date of the General Meeting.

No director is employed with the Company under a contract of service.

Copenhagen, 27 April 1993.

The Board of Directors

MR PRESIDENT PLC and THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, on Friday the 7th May 1993, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co., Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ between 10.00 a.m and 4.00 p.m. as from Wednesday 5th May 1993.
Dated this 19th day of April 1993
Mr A L Ficken, Director.

ATTICHAND LIMITED T/A ZIP AIR AND SEA FREIGHT FWDRS
Company Number: 1770604
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at Goffs Park Hotel, 45 Goffs Park Rd, Crawley, West Sussex, RH11 8AX on 10 May 1993 at 2.30 pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act, the appointment of a Liquidator and a Liquidation Committee.
Mr D B Cooksley of Leach Bright & Partners, Barrall House, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey GU2 5HG is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the company and will furnish creditors with such information concerning the company's affairs as is reasonably required.
Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged with the company's registered office at Leach Bright & Partners, Barrall House, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5HG not later than 12 noon on 7 May 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Date: 26 April 1993
Mr W K Stolle, Director.

NOTICE OF INTENDED DIVIDEND
In the matter of THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 and in the matter of A & R COLOUR PRINTERS (CANTERBURY) LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is my intention to declare a first and final dividend to unsecured non-preferential creditors of the above-named company within four months of the date of this notice. Creditors who have not yet done so are required, on or before 1 JUNE 1993, to submit their proofs of debt to the undersigned Liquidator of the company, N R Lyle of Touche Ross & Co., Friary Court, 65 Crutched Friars, London EC3N 2NP, Ref: A504/NRL/NDN/RJSC and, if so requested, to provide such further details or produce such documentary or other evidence as may appear to the liquidator to be necessary. A creditor who has not proved his debt by the date specified will be excluded from the dividend
Date: 22nd April 1993
N R LYLE, Liquidator.
NOTE: A dividend is expected to be in the region of 9p in the £.

GLPC (Building Works) Ltd and THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, on Thursday the 6th day of May 1993, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co., Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ between 10.00 a.m and 4.00 p.m. as from Tuesday 4th May 1993
Dated this 14th day of April 1993.
M J McPartlan, Director.

LEGAL NOTICES

AVENT & AUTOCRAFT BODYWORKS LIMITED
Company Number: 1424436
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 that:
1. The above named company has approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of acquiring its own shares by purchase.
2. The amount of the permissable capital payment for the shares in question is £45,446 and the resolution approving such payment out of capital was passed on 24th April 1993.
3. The statutory declaration of the directors and the Auditors' report required by Section 173 of the said Act are available for inspection at the Company's registered office at 4/5 Bridge Street, Bath, BA2 4AP.
4. Any creditor of the company may at any time within the five weeks immediately following 24th April 1993 apply to the Court under Section 176 of the said Act for an order prohibiting the payment
DIANE AVENT, Secretary.

IN THE MATTER OF WEBSTER MILLER AIRFREIGHT LIMITED AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 22 April 1993, I, Melvyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
Dated this 23rd day of April 1993.
M J Carter

No. 002798 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF CONSTRUCTION METAL PRODUCTS LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 24th day of March 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the CONFIRMATION of the REDUCTION of the CAPITAL of the above-named Company from £10,600,000 to £1,954,400
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 12th day of May 1993
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED the 30th day of April 1993.
Messrs. Paris Smith & Randall, Lansdowne House, Castle Lane, Southampton, SO9 4FD.
Solicitors for the above-named Company (Ref. SD)

Notice of appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers
Company Name, John Lelliott Limited Company Number: 829284 Nature of Business, Construction. Trade Classification: 23. Kerridge Limited Company Number 2411751 Nature of Business Construction Trade Classification 23 John Lelliott (Eastern) Limited Company Number 543962. Nature of Business, Construction Trade Classification, 23 John Lelliott Design & Build Limited, Company Number: 1632080 Nature of Business, Construction, Trade Classification: 23 John Lelliott Construction Limited Company Number: 1806927 Nature of Business, Construction Trade Classification 23 John Lelliott Projects Limited, Company Number: 2560305 Nature of Business Construction Trade Classification 23 John Lelliott (Specialised Works) Limited Company Number 1806936 Nature of Business: Construction Trade Classification, 23 John Lelliott Western Limited, Company Number: 1666629, Nature of Business Construction Trade Classification, 23, John Lelliott Management Limited Company Number 1622452, Nature of Business Construction, Trade Classification, 23 Date of appointment of joint administrative receivers 8 April 1993. Name of person appointing the joint administrative receivers: Barclays Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers Malcolm John London and Christopher John Hughes (office holder nos: 2082 and 2041). Address St Andrew's House 20 St Andrew Street London EC4A 3AY.

LA PARFUMERIE LIMITED
In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
Notice is hereby given that I Eric John Stonham, Chartered Accountant, of Leach Bright & Partners, Barrall House, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5HG, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 8 April 1993.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me at the above address.
No further public notice or advertisement to prove debts will be given.
Date: 22 April 1993
E J Stonham, Liquidator

MARKTRIP LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at George House, 50 George Square, Glasgow, G2 1RR on Tuesday, 18 May 1993 at 10.00am for the purposes of presenting the Receivers' Report and of determining whether or not to establish a Committee of Creditors and who are to be the Members of that Committee, if established.
In accordance with 3.11(1) of the Insolvency Rules 1986, a Creditor is entitled to vote only if details of the debt claimed are submitted to the Receivers in writing no later than 12 noon on the business day prior to the Meeting, and where the Creditor cannot attend in person, a form of proxy which the Creditor intends to be used on his behalf is lodged with the Receivers before the Meeting. Creditors whose claims are fully secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the Meeting. Unsecured Creditors may request a free copy of the Administrative Receivers' report to be sent to them. Claims, proxies or requests should be sent to the Administrative Receivers at the undernoted address.
J C J Readman
Joint Administrative Receiver
Ernst & Young George House 50 George Square Glasgow G2 1RR
27 April 1993

LEGAL NOTICES

FAIRFIELD PARK DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at George House, 50 George Square Glasgow, G2 1RR on Tuesday, 18 May 1993 at 10.00am for the purposes of presenting the Receivers' Report and of determining whether or not to establish a Committee of Creditors and who are to be the Members of that Committee, if established.
In accordance with 3.11(1) of the Insolvency Rules 1986, a Creditor is entitled to vote only if details of the debt claimed are submitted to the Receivers in writing no later than 12 noon on the business day prior to the Meeting, and where the Creditor cannot attend in person, a form of proxy which the Creditor intends to be used on his behalf is lodged with the Receivers before the Meeting. Creditors whose claims are fully secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the Meeting. Unsecured Creditors may request a free copy of the Administrative Receivers' report to be sent to them. Claims, proxies or requests should be sent to the Administrative Receivers at the undernoted address.
J C J Readman
Joint Administrative Receiver
Ernst & Young George House 50 George Square Glasgow G2 1RR
27 April 1993

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
TRENDS PRODUCTIONS LTD.
Trading Name: JAMIE PHILLIPS ORGANISATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 10th May 1993 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 26th day of April 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J.L. Phillips, DIRECTOR.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
AIRKIT LIMITED
In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
Notice is hereby given that I, Eric John Stonham, Chartered Accountant, of Leach Bright & Partners, Barrall House, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5HG, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 21 April 1993.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me at the above address.
No further public notice or advertisement to prove debts will be given.
Date: 23 April 1993.
E J Stonham, Liquidator

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity · Leslie George Foster Bailey's Will Trust
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting reference DOY-155793-CD-Ldn3. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

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Charity · The Jean Sainsbury Royal Opera House Fund
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Charity · The Jewish Museum
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PUBLIC NOTICES

INSURANCE COMPANIES ACT 1982
Notice of Approval of Transfer of Business

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 51(5)(a) of the above Act that the Secretary of State has approved a transfer of certain general business from Municipal Mutual Insurance Limited to General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Corporation Plc.

Department of Trade and Industry
London
April 1993

LEGAL NOTICES

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
GUINNESS BROTHERS PLC
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at Committee Room, The Old Town Hall, Stratford, London E15, on 12th May 1993 at 11.00 in the forenoon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Zafar Iqbal of Cooper Young, 415-417 High Street, London E15 4QZ is a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the company who will, during the period before the day of the meeting, furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
DATED this 26th day of April 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
C.A. Guinness, DIRECTOR

ANGLO HELLENIC LIMITED
Registered number: 2657682. Nature of business: Property Developers. Trade classification: 25. Date of appointment of administrative receiver: 21 April 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver: Bernard Arenstein Jenny Malca Brown, Cathy Linda Brown, Peter Isaac Brown and David Max Brown Administrative Receiver Martin Freeman (office holder no: 003844) of Faulkner House, Victoria Street, St Alban's AL1 3SE

Superpower Engineering System Limited
Registered number: 2346367 Nature of business: Engineering and Allied Industries. Trade classification: 07 Date of appointment of administrative receivers. 22nd April 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers. Royal Bank of Scotland Plc Joint Administrative Receivers. P. Monjack, FCA and K D Goodman, FCA (office holder nos. 2344 and 2407) Leonard Curtis & Co., P O Box 553 30 Eastbourne Terrace (2nd Floor) London W2 6LF

COLESLAW 195 LIMITED
Notice is hereby given that at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above named Company held at 11.35 am on the 23rd April 1993 a Special Resolution was duly passed authorising a payment of £74,378 out of the Company's capital as defined in sections 170-172 of the Companies Act 1985 for the purchase by the Company of 367,500 11% "B" Preference Shares of £1 each from P F Eade and D E Eade for the aggregate price of £74,378.
The amount of the permissable capital payment as defined in sections 170 - 172 of the Companies Act 1985 was £74,378
The statutory declaration and auditors' report required by sections 173 - 174 of the Companies Act 1985, both dated 23rd April 1993, are available at the Company's registered office at Apex Plaza, Forbury Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 1AX
Any Creditor of the Company may apply to the High Court under sections 176 - 177 of the Companies Act 1985 within a period of 5 weeks immediately following 23rd April 1993 for an order prohibiting the payment
Dated 27th April 1993

THE REDUCED CLOTHING COMPANY LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Sections 98/99 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Harris Kafton Chartered Accountants, 28 Bolton Street, Mayfair, London, W1Y 8HB on Thursday, 6th May, 1993 at 2.00pm for the purposes of having a full statement of the position of the company's financial affairs together with a schedule of all known creditors of the company and the estimated amount of their claims laid before them and for the purposes, if thought fit, mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the Insolvency Act
Dated this 23rd day of April, 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
D.E.JONES, Secretary

Notice of appointment of liquidator
Voluntary winding up Creditors
Pursuant to section 109 of The Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 2643087. Name of company: Starlead Publications Ltd Nature of Business: Printers & Stationers Address of registered office. Treviot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ. Type of Liquidation: Creditors Voluntary. Liquidator: R A Segal A Segal & Co., Treviot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ. Office Holder No 002685. Date of appointment 23 April 1993 By whom appointed The Members & Creditors. Date: 23 April 1993 R A Segal, Liquidator

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LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
35 (APARTMENTS) LIMITED
Registered number: 1634991
Trading name: As above. Nature of business: Property Developer. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 23 April 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Michael David Gercke and Peter Norman Spratt (office holder nos. 2360 and 6278) Address: Price Waterhouse Bridge Gate 55/57 High Street Redhill Surrey RH1 1RX.

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
Name of Company. Ernest George Limited Registered number: 1416404. Nature of business: Commodity Brokerage. Trade classification: 038. Date of appointment of administrative receivers. 26 April 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Anthony Victor Lomas and Peter Norman Spratt (office holder nos. 7240 and 6278) Address: Price Waterhouse Thames Court 1 Victoria Street, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1HB.

OMNIGRANGE LIMITED
Registered No: 2180032
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in pursuance of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of creditors of the above named Company will be held at Bridford House 11 Gough Square, London EC4A 3DE on 13th May 1993 at 10.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 48 and 49 of the said Act
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.
Other creditors are only entitled to vote at this meeting if:-
a) details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the Company have been given to us, not later than 12 noon on the business day next before the meeting, and (b) there has been lodged with us a proxy which is intended to be used at the meeting
If you wish to participate in the meeting of creditors, would you please forward details of your claim against the Company, and any proxy which you wish to be used on your behalf, to the offices of Clark Whitehill 25 New Street Square London EC4A 3LN.
Dated this 29th April 1993
Mark Pearce Riley
Administrative Receiver

Notice of appointment of liquidator
Voluntary winding up Creditors
Pursuant to section 109 of The Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 2251708. Name of company: GLPC Ltd. Nature of Business: Building Preservation Specialists. Address of registered office. Treviot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ. Type of Liquidation: Creditors Voluntary Liquidator: R A Segal A Segal & Co., Treviot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ Office Holder No: 002685. Date of appointment: 21 April 1993 By whom appointed. The Members & Creditors Date. 22 April 1993 R A Segal. Liquidator

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR
LAURA FASHIONS LIMITED
High Court No. 0011631 of 1992
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Melvyn Laurence Rose FCA of Messrs. Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London, NW9 0BS was appointed Liquidator of Laura Fashions Limited on 18 March 1993.
Any Creditor who wishes to prove a claim to the Liquidator, is required to send me notice of their claim in writing to the above address, to arrive no later than 31 May 1993, else their claim will be excluded from any dividend which may be declared in the Estate.
Dated this 23 day of April 1993
Melvyn L.Rose, Liquidator.

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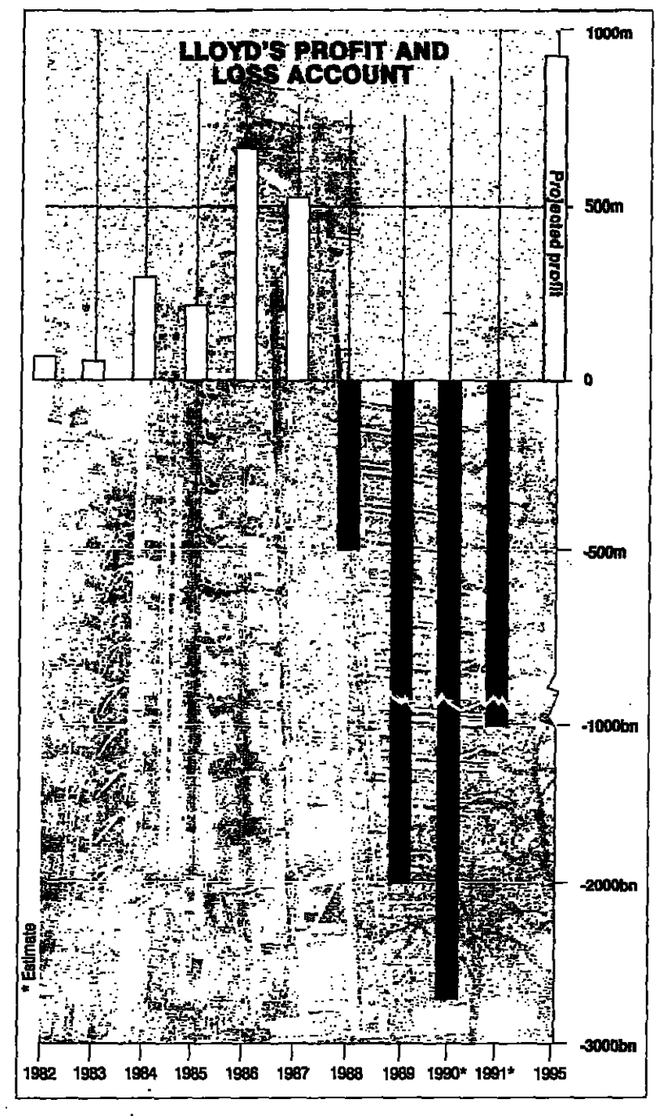
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Loss-making Lloyd's delivers its blueprint for survival

Sarah Bagnall examines the radical proposals set out in the corporation's first business plan to bring the market back into profit, and quickly



Peter Middleton, the chief executive of Lloyd's of London, brandished the 306-year-old insurance market's first business plan and said: "This is not a consultative document, it is the action plan to save Lloyd's."

The guts of the business plan, *Planning for profit: a business plan for Lloyd's*, reveal how the corporation intends to accomplish its aim of turning the loss-making market back to profit — and quickly. This, David Rowland, the corporation's chairman, readily admits is no easy task.

The undertaking is even more momentous given the Lloyd's estimates that names will be hit by record losses of between £2.5 billion and £2.8 billion for the 1990 year of account, due to be announced in June. The issues tackled in this unprecedented attack on the market involve the introduction of limited liability, major structural changes to the members' agency system and measures to close off those years of account where losses have been unquantifiable.

And while failing to provide a solution to the mass of litigation taken by names, who are trying to recover hundreds of millions of pounds worth of losses, the plan does offer a glimmer of hope for the future.

For the first time, Lloyd's admitted that a great deal of its problems were self-inflicted and raised the possibility of centrally providing financial aid to the market's worst-affected names.

The plan asserts that central to turning the tide of the market's fortunes is the need to allow new sources of capital to join. So, from the start of next year, companies will be allowed to enter the market on the basis of limited liability, a change that marks the end of 300 years of practice. The option of limited liability is also available to existing names, but only if they have paid off all their outstanding losses. However, the plan shows that Lloyd's has taken steps to ensure that there are various advantages for names who choose to continue underwriting on the basis of unlimited liability.

The plan says the introduction of "incorporated capital" is the only way forward for Lloyd's as, in recent years, capacity has plummeted to £8.8 billion, down £1.5 billion from last year. The traditional source of capital, the individual names, is drying up fast and the concern of Lloyd's is that it will become insufficient to ensure the market's survival.

The plan, a blueprint for radical reform, also outlines a mass of cost-cutting exercises, including moves to bring about swingeing cuts in the market's workforce of 2,500, a fifth of the total at present. Overall, the business plan intends to instigate changes, which will reduce costs by £200 million by 1995, a 22 per cent drop from 1991 levels of £855 million. The plan declares: "Lloyd's costs are too high and are not falling fast enough to reach the levels that are required to achieve our target profitability. We are no longer prepared to leave the cost reduction process entirely to market forces." Some of the cuts are aimed directly at the fees charged by managing agents to the names. For years, names have criticised these as being too excessive. Lloyd's agrees and has responded with a radical transformation in the way they are charged. No longer will underwriters be able to think solely of their own interests, the plan states. Instead, they will have to consider the position of the society as a whole. As a result, Lloyd's is capping fees to a maximum of 0.5 per cent of capacity in 1994 and 0.4 per cent in 1995. The plan claims: "This will result in savings to names of around £15 million per annum in reduced fees." In future, fees will also be profit-related in order to ensure that agents make profits only when names do, the plan stipulates. Further savings of £20 million are to be made by creating a central services unit. That will deal with all of the administrative aspects of names' affairs, such as tax. Currently, these are handled by the members' agencies and the plan says that the new unit will "reduce duplication of effort, streamline work flows and thus cut costs to names.". The change is expected to reduce costs by £20 million, the plan purports, and will lead to further cost savings as members' agents pare staff levels. These job cuts are expected to be joined by others elsewhere in the market, which, combined with the benefits of lower fixed costs as the number of syndicates and agencies drop, are expected to result in savings of a further £73 million.

> Companies will be allowed to join on the basis of limited liability, ending 300 years of practice

The plan also proposes measures that will benefit the hundreds of names stuck in Lloyd's without any certainty of their future liability. Pollution, asbestosis and health-related risks have caused millions of pounds worth of losses for names. Often the losses relate to policies written over a decade ago. The size of losses from these mainly American-based risks has been increasing over the past few years and names have been faced with uncertainty over future claims. To resolve this, the plan proposes to separate the relevant policies from the rest of Lloyd's and manage them centrally. Over the course of the next 18 months, Lloyd's will decide on how much money has to be available to meet these claims. It will then require names to bolster the reserves if necessary, or conversely pay out any excess. This will be swiftly followed by the reinsurance of all the liabilities into a new limited company, at which point names will be free from any future obligations.

According to the plan, the benefits are twofold. Names will not be faced with the prospect of an unknown amount of losses stretching over an unknown number of years and the central management of all the reserves will increase efficiency and feed through in lower costs. This will make savings of £25 million, it says.

The new company is expected to have reserves of £4 billion, which over the years will accrue to a level considered more than sufficient to cover any future claims. The plan highlights the advantage of central management of the new company being able to discount its reserves to a larger extent than the individual syndicates and names were able to do. The result of this is that lower reserves are needed up front because over the years, until the claims are due to be settled, the interest and capital appreciation on the investment will accrue to an amount which is considered adequate to cover the future claims.

To ease the immediate pressure on names of cash calls resulting from this year's expected record losses of up to £2.8 billion, there is a scheme to smooth demands for cash. The plan says: "Lloyd's is currently working on a scheme which would give names credit for a small proportion of their 1993 premium trust funds, perhaps 5 per cent." This would provide "substantial assistance" to names facing cash-flow difficulties.

Furthermore, to enable hard-pressed names to continue trading, the plan proposes to lower its solvency requirement. Names whose means level drops below the present required level of £250,000 but exceeds £100,000 can continue underwriting as long as they have 30 per cent of their funds at Lloyd's. After one year, this level will rise to 35 per cent and in the following year to 40 per cent. "As soon as the name's means level rises above £250,000, the name can resume underwriting at a 30 per cent ratio for the following year," the plan states.

There are measures in the plan that are aimed at ensuring that none of the mistakes that have led to such massive losses will be repeated. "The traditional style of leadership of the society is no longer appropriate. The current state of the society clearly demonstrates the inadequacies of this style of leadership," the plan says. In future, there will be a more directive style of leadership from the centre.

TEMPUS

Imperfect market

THE equity market is nothing if not perverse. Two months ago, share prices seemed unstoppable, spurred on by little more than hope and suggestions of economic recovery. Now the recovery has materialised, and the market is in steady retreat, with the FT-SE 100 index off more than 60 points so far this week.

If anything, the outlook for equities is brightening steadily. City forecasts for GDP growth are steadily being raised, to at least 1.5 per cent this year and 3 per cent in 1994. This has obvious beneficial implications for corporate earnings. Meanwhile, investors are growing more jittery about the inflationary outlook, as evidenced by the slight steepening in the yield curve. In a logical world this too would prompt investors to switch from gilts to equities. The reasons for the weakness in share prices all ring a little hollow. Futures activity is often only an excuse for more fundamental moves. Institutions may be concerned about the government's funding difficulties, but, if anything, these worries were more intense two months ago and did not prevent equities marching ahead then. Besides, the concerns should persuade investors to switch funds into the private sector rather than away from it.

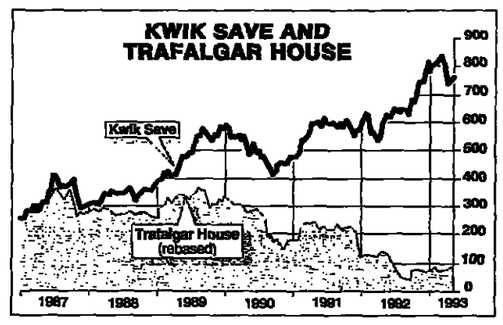
The most genuine reason for the weakness is the diminishing chance of another cut in base rates. This, however, should not diminish the pace of earnings recovery. The recent fall in the market leaves it valued at about 17 times current year earnings, and 13 times next year's. With the economic outlook brightening all the time, there is scope for a further upturn in the market once it recovers from its present bout of profit-taking.

Kwik Save

THE 8 per cent like-for-like volume growth Kwik Save achieved in its latest half year is good from a group whose simple retailing formula is backed by sound management and rigid financial controls. Tesco managed growth of less than 1 per cent.

Even trading margins are beginning to look respectable when held up against the food retailing sector's one-time leaders. While Kwik Save's 4.1 per cent is still 3.5 points lower than Tesco, it is more than reasonable from a chain of 788 pile-it-high and sell-it-cheap stores. Kwik Save is no longer a second division player in the sector. It now claims to have as much selling space as J. Sainsbury (excluding Sava-Centre and Homebase) and even its newer London stores are profitable. The market is expecting a 16 per cent rise in profits to £128 million in the year to end-August.

The group says there is no secret to its success. About 80 per cent of supermarket food sales come from 20 per cent of the products, the ones Kwik Save stocks. The group owes much of its success to the 26 per cent stake taken by Dairy Farm, the Hong Kong food discount group controlled by Jardine Matheson, in 1987. Dairy Farm brought management and financial stability and saw Kwik Save through the traumas of fast expansion in the late 1980s. Other shareholders of Trafalgar House, the Jardine group's latest project, must hope the Kwik Save effect works again.



ICI

THE performance of ICI in the first quarter was creditable enough, but it hardly warranted a 2.5 per cent rise in the share price. With the demerger and Zeneca rights issue now imminent, investors seem to have caught a touch of good news hysteria. Trading profits would have fallen but for the benefit of sterling's devaluation.

At least the figures showed that New-ICI is surviving the downturn in the chemicals industry, as the promised cost savings come through. For the rest of the year, ICI depends on the pound remaining weak and improvement in American markets.

The outlook for Zeneca is less appealing. Pharmaceutical volumes are flat, as the growth in the group's much-vaunted new drugs is only keeping pace with the decline in Tenormin. The 28 per cent fall in agro-chemical profits suggests the decline in sales may be even steeper than anticipated.

Overall, these valedictory figures show an international industrial group coping well with a worldwide recession. If next month's demerger offers more, it is now fully reflected in the share price.

Tiphook

THE market blew a raspberry at Tiphook's ploy of using a £16 million profit from the sale of ageing trailers to offset a bunch of one-off expenses in its forthcoming figures. The fleet is being sold to two manufacturers from which Tiphook also happens to be buying 11,000 new trailers, so the profit is in reality a trade discount, and does not belong in the figures.

Tiphook's profit warning is a confirmation of the rising overcapacity in the trailer and container rental markets on the Continent, as it dips into recession. The disposal will cure some of that and increase utilisation from 55 to 75 per cent. Tiphook has struggled to make proper returns from trailer rental for years, so it might have used the disposal as a chance to reduce it exposure to the market. As it is, the group may have updated its fleet but is now on a collision course with TIP Europe which should soon be strengthened by GE Capital, its prospective owner. Aside from the faint hope of a bid, there is little reason to hold the shares.

Meyer Intl

MEYER International is hardly the first company to tap shareholders on the promise of a housing market recovery, but investors should be confident they have heard almost all the bad news. The business has cut staff by a third and the profit estimate of £14 million for the last financial year is reassuring.

Builders' merchants are in a high volume commodity business and a small shift in operating margins can push a lot of profit into the bottom line. Meyer's trading profit was about £30 million in the year just ended, suggesting a margin of less than 3 per cent. On the forecast, the shares are trading on an impressive earnings multiple of 29 times and the new shares will not get this year's final dividend to sweeten the pill. Meyer is unlikely to return to the 8 per cent margins of the boom, but any move towards 4 to 5 per cent will partly help to justify that rating.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

On the case for the Abbey

SHERLOCK Holmes's faithful secretary is to turn supersleuth. Erica Harper, an Abbey National press officer, has spent three years at the great man's home at 221B Baker Street (aka the Abbey National's headquarters) answering 50 letters a week from all over the world. Through her, Mr Holmes has delivered measured opinions on such diverse topics as the wars in Bosnia and the Gulf and the difficulty of finding lost cats. Working so closely with Mr Holmes over the years has naturally given the ambitious Harper an appetite for investigation. Now she is to move to the Abbey's security and investigations department at Gracechurch Street in the City, chasing up mortgage fraudsters and cheque cheats. We have no doubt that these despicable people will be shaking in their shoes at the prospect. As Harper said yesterday: "I've done the theory, now for the practical."

Cordial move

RELATIONS between BZW and NatWest Securities seemed remarkably cordial yesterday, despite the defection of Stewart Millman, the corporate broking whiz who becomes Robert Norbury's deputy at NatWest after more than 12 years at BZW, latterly as de Zoete Wedd's managing director. Millman, 44, an avid cricketer and Manchester United supporter and investor, joins Norbury in June. But Millman is not about to abandon his BZW clients. Rather than "tending his garden", he has vowed to use his notice period to make sure they are properly looked after before he goes. "This is entirely amicable. I wasn't out hunting for a job, but this is a real challenge." Millman walks into a job specially created for him, and one which Norbury says will greatly expand NatWest's business.

Riding high

RISING like a phoenix from the rubble: a new City landmark. Rebellion, a five-metre high bronze horse, will rear dragon-like from the roof of the new seven-storey headquarters of Standard Life Assurance from October. No doubt inspired by the marble interior of the EBRD, Standard Life has spared little expense on its new HQ: Aside from the giant sculpture, it has asked William Newman, the potter, to design a faience panel of a cockerel and artist Michaela Gall to paint the lift doors. The sculpture by Judy Boyt, whose Badminton Trophy was included in the V&A's Sporting Glories exhibition last year, will appear to leap across the skyline from the corner of a concrete turret. George West of architect Harrison & West, who commissioned Boyt on her record as winner of the British Sporting Art Trust Award in 1991 and her sculpture of the late Dorothy Paget's Golden Miller at Cheltenham Racecourse, said: "I thought of Graeco-Roman styles and the horse sculptures on St Marks in Venice, but also of keeping respect for the character of the City and the bustle and vitality of Spitalfields." After seven months of toil, Boyt is now nearing completion of her work, which will stop traffic when it is lifted high into the East India Dock skyline. Those who cannot wait for Rebellion on the roof can have a preview in July, when two models of the sculpture go on sale for £115,000 each.

Halpern in need

SIR Ralph Halpern, the former Burton Group chairman whose athletic prowess once captivated tabloid headline writers, is looking for a personal assistant capable of working on her own initiative. According to Sir Ralph's recruitment advertisement, the successful candidate will be endowed with discretion, confidentiality and a sense of humour. A minimum of two years' experience at board level is also required.

But why, one wonders, did he stipulate that a recent photograph be attached to the CV?

MELINDA WITTSTOCK



BUSINESS LETTERS

Need for counselling after bombing

From Mrs Valerie Hopkins

Sir, Your article of April 27 highlights the need for disaster recovery planning. Understandably, it stresses the requirement to get businesses back to work as quickly as possible. However, our talks with many City Institutions lead us to believe that these plans do little to consider the needs of employees who have to implement them or those who have been directly affected by the disaster.

The Baltic Exchange bombing could, until last Saturday's outrage, have been rationalised as an isolated incident with a small probability of it happening again. In all likelihood the risks to life are nominal. However, we believe that the reoccurence of an attack within such a short time of the last bomb, together with the scale of the disaster, are factors which could have significantly raised anxiety levels among staff. Furthermore, this will have been aggravated because there seems little that can be done to ensure that it will not happen again.

We believe that there is a pressing need for counselling and psychological support in the weeks and months ahead. We consider that this should aim to balance the need of admitting that real anxieties and concerns exist while at the same time containing fear and worries so as not to let them inflame an already delicate situation.

Yours faithfully,
VALERIE HOPKINS
(Managing Director)
Humanitas Counselling,
199 Bishopsgate,
EC2.

French tax advantages

From Mr Martin E. Simons

Sir, Mr Andrew Cook points out (Putting our business interests first, Letters, April 16) that British Rail, who are under government-induced, enormous financial pressure, are placing orders with French suppliers who can apparently afford to export at keen prices supported by safe domestic business. Such marginal pricing would rapidly become premium pricing were our foreign competitors to succeed in eliminating UK production. But that is not all: Major French multinationals enjoy a superb taxation advantage, that of *Benefice Mondial*, whereby losses of foreign subsidiaries can be offset against French profits, which are usually excellent when there is market dominance.

An example is Solaglas, a UK subsidiary of French-based glass giant, Saint-Gobain. The most recent available accounts show that for 1991 there was an operating loss of £5m before interest charges of £4.5m and exceptional reorganisation and rationalisation costs of £5.5m ie, a loss of £15m on sales of £154m. These losses, presumably in part linked to weak UK pricing, were surely not helpful for indigenous UK competitors nor government tax revenue. UK losses could be offset against slender French glass profits with taxation advantage.

HM Treasury must appreciate the implications of their pressure on British Rail and of foreign taxation arrangements on the viability and profits of UK industry. Sensible arrangements would improve the competitive position of UK industry and the Treasury tax take.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN E. SIMONS,
24 Granard Avenue, SW15.

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Clutching your tightly packed briefcase, you make your way through the tightly packed airport. People. Noise. More people. You're just preparing yourself to do the passport control shuffle when hold on, you're leaving everyone behind.

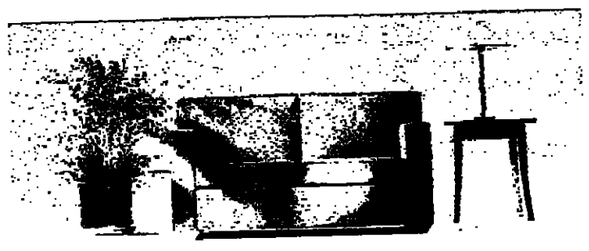
You're sailing through your own separate security channel.

As you drift through the doors of the new Club World Lounge, you hear something strange.

What is it?

Absolutely nothing.

You haven't heard that for a long time. Listen, there it is again.



Your flight announcement prises you out of the sofa and into... that old armchair of yours.



Wait a whoooooooops, your armchair never felt this good. And where did that foot rest come from?

Oh well, just lie back and think of... dinner.

A choice of four leisurely courses

over three and a half hours

or a lighter meal over a mere

60 minutes

So you could stop here

Or go on

And on and on

And to follow, may we recommend

a small slice of escapism

You turn ▶ ON your personal seat-back video. Looking ▶▶ FWD to your choice of 8 channels of entertainment, you let your mind switch ■ OFF.

You've seen the film, now read a booklet: 'The Well Being in the Air Programme.'

Let's just try a few exercises.

Stttretch your arms and breeeeeeeeathe out

Rotate wrists clockwise (gosh, is that the time already?)

Breathe innnnnnn and out... innnnnnn and out... eyelids getting heavy.... who's that snoring?..... maybe I should just look at those

AWOKEN by a gentle alarm call and, exactly when you ordered it, breakfast.

➢

Tropical fruit or *Birchermuesli*

➢

Orange juice or *Energiser drink*

➢

Eeni, Meeni, Miney or *Mo*

➢



Right, let's have a look at the presentation.
This seems to be a problem.
We just need to be more decisive on this.

Before you know it, you've landed.

Please remain reading until the ad comes to a complete halt.

Congratulations. You've just flown around the new Club World in 80 lines.

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NEW SEAT AND VIDEO CURRENTLY AVAILABLE ON 60% OF AIRCRAFT.

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Shares cut losses

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No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Gencor	Mining	
2	Comac	Business Serv	
3	Cookson	Industrial	
4	Bracken	Mining	
5	Watmough	Paper,Print	
6	Hutch Whamp	Business Serv	
7	Wilkes (James)	Industrial	
8	BOC	Industrial	
9	Fullr Sm 'A'	Breweries	
10	Newman Tnks	Building,Rds	
11	Dencora	Property	
12	Norbain	Electrical	
13	Chubb Sec	Business Serv	
14	Zetters Gp	Leisure	
15	Durban	Mining	
16	More O'Ferrall	Paper,Print	
17	Wetherspoon JD	Breweries	
18	Gaskell	Textiles	
19	First Tech	Electrical	
20	Micro Focus	Electrical	
21	Smith WH 'A'	Drapery,Strs	
22	Tunstall	Electrical	
23	Laser-Scan	Electrical	
24	Johnson Matth	Industrial	
25	Park Foods	Foods	
26	ADT	Business Serv	
27	Harmony	Mining	
28	Perkins Food	Foods	
29	Smiths Ind	Industrial	
30	Deelkraal	Mining	
31	Cattles	Banks,Disc	
32	Hazlewood Fds	Foods	
33	E Dagga	Mining	
34	Slough Estates	Property	
35	Comptr People	Electrical	
36	P & P	Electrical	
37	Gibbon Lyons	Paper,Print	
38	Kwik Save	Foods	
39	Johnston	Industrial	
40	Vickers	Industrial	
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£1,000 MATCH THE SHARES

If you have ticked off your eighth share in our Match The Shares game today, claim your prize by telephoning 0254 53272 between 10.00am and 3.30pm (see the Sunday Times for full details)

Two winners equally share the Portfolio Plus prize of £2,000. They are Mr W Kendricks of Lancaster and Mr D Keddie of Edinburgh.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
403	345	Abbey Nti	378	-8	11.5	3.8	14.6
255	179	Allied Irish	244	-1	...	6.2	14.4
176	130	Aust New Z	154	-4	...	5.9	...
3806½	2793½	BankAmerica	2956½	+68½	...	...	...
250	188	Bk of Ireland	232	-1	...	5.1	37.1
325	325	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	17.0	6.5	...
140	116½	Bank Scotland	133	+1	4.3	4.1	20.9
464	362	Barclays	422	-7½	15.1	4.5	-
3½	2	Benchmark	2½	...	...	...	...
52	31	Brown Shipley	35	...	...	...	...
19½	15½	Carlisle	16½	...	...	...	...
485	395	Cater Allen	483	...	26.0	6.7	...
118	85	Cattles	118	+1	...	4.4	15.7
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	1912½	-34½	...	...	...
2043½	1343½	Citicorp	1750 †	+43½	...	...	...
345	250	Close Bros	333	...	...	3.6	14.8
£125½	9275	Commerzbk	£117½	+25	...	3.4	...
£304½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£279½	+296½	...	2.3	...
81	45	First Nat Fin	70	-1	...	...	...
1227	876	Fuji Bank Y	1170	...	...	0.4	83.0
453	343	Gerrard Nat	452	-1	21.0	5.8	...
654	490	HSBC	609	+1	19.0	3.9	-
634	474	HSBC HK	598	+1	19.0	4.0	-
356	243	Hambros	333	-3	13.8	5.2	14.8
363	313	Joseph (L)	358	...	15.8	5.5	...
127	96	King Shaxson	127	...	5.0	4.9	...
403	312	Kleinwort Ben	389	-12	16.0	5.1	13.3
573	492	Lloyds	519	-3	18.4	4.4	14.8
87	63	Lon Scot Bk	86	...	3.0	4.4	17.0
432	322	Nat Aust Bk	407	...	...	5.0	14.1
485	398	Nat West	461	-2	17.5	4.7	28.0
861	674	Provident	859	-1	28.5	4.1	14.9
47	39	Rea Bros	41	...	0.5	1.5	43.6
274	207	Ryl Bk Scot	260	+4	8.8	4.2	...
1975	1335	Schroders	1853	...	22.0	1.5	18.5
758	576	Stand Chart	733	-15	20.0	3.4	...
195	145½	TSB	181	-4	6.4	4.4	...
123	78	Union Disc	123	...	...	...	...
674	529	Warburg SG	643	-15	18.0	3.5	19.0
227	185	-do- 6% 'A'	217	-6	...	3.5	...
7850	4843½	Wells Fargo	6775 †	...	...	1.5	...
163	121	Westpac	150	-3	...	5.1	...
215	168	Wintrust	205	...	9.3	5.7	7.9

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	547	Allied-Lyons	567	-9	20.0	4.4	13.2
647	529	Bass	535	-4	18.9	4.4	11.6
261	189	Boddington	261	...	7.3	3.5	15.2
415	362	Bulmer (HP)	405	+1	9.0	2.8	18.6
159	129	Burtonwd Brw	140	...	4.4	4.0	10.2
307	261	Devenish (JA)	300	-2	7.8	3.3	16.9
98	75	Eldridge P 'A'	92	...	...	4.4	24.3
58½	53½	Fosters Brewing	53½	-2½	...	5.1	7.4
380	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	380	+2	...	2.2	15.9
480	399	Grand Met	408	-3	12.3	3.8	13.5
423	388	Greenalls Grp	419	...	11.7	3.5	13.9
563	505	Greene King	554	...	11.6	2.6	14.4
516	447	Guinness	476 †	+8	...	3.1	16.9
281	230	Hardy Hansn	238	-1	7.9	4.1	13.2
113	108	Heavitree	110	...	3.0	3.5	26.4
95	78	-do- 'A' LV	95	...	3.0	4.0	22.8
389	255	Highland Distl	289 †	+1	6.0	2.6	19.2
3125	2538	Holt J	3000	...	41.0	1.7	-
56	33	Hoskins Brew	56	...	...	...	40.3
323	250	Invergordn Dis	272	...	7.0	3.2	-
186	157	Macallan-Glen	162 †	...	0.9	0.7	36.4
465	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	375	...	8.8	2.9	11.8
740	655	Mansfield	739	...	13.6	2.3	15.9
256	231	Mrston Thmp	243	...	4.9	2.5	14.2
435	412	Matthew Clark	421	-1	15.7	4.7	12.6
300	256	Mrydwn W	280	...	...	3.0	18.8
490	455	Morland	480	...	8.4	2.2	19.1
12	6½	Paramount	10	...	...	2.1	17.7
950	763	SA Breweries	813	...	...	3.0	-
487½	408	Scot & New	459	+3	16.1	4.4	12.5
223	181	Taunton Cider	216	+3	...	2.7	20.2
242	213	Vaux Group	234	-5	9.3	5.0	16.1
270	225	Wetherspoon JD	270	+2	...	2.2	21.8
497½	435	Whitbread 'A'	465	-2	16.9	4.6	13.1
1180	850	-do- 'B'	875	...	16.9	2.4	24.6
613	561	Wolvrhmptn D	569	+3	11.4	2.5	16.0
515	480	Young 'A'	480	...	14.3	3.8	21.0

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	115	...	...	1.2	41.5
27	13	Albrighton	16	...	...	...	...
106	87	Allen	96	...	...	6.5	10.8
99	85	Amec	94 †	-1	3.0	4.0	-
9½	4	Anglia Sec	7½	-½	...	...	...
191	155	Ashtead	191	...	4.1	2.7	23.7
142	108	Attwoods	118	+2	5.0	5.4	16.8
238	180	BPB Ind	227	+1	...	4.1	57.7
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	88	...	3.1	4.4	29.6
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	28½	...	0.5	...	...
101	74	Barcom	90	...	1.2	1.7	16.3
140	84	Barratt Devs	140	...	2.0	1.8	15.6
412	305	Bellway	400	...	11.5	3.5	23.7
32	15	Bellwinch	28	...	...	...	...
423	295	Berkeley Gp	417	-4	...	1.8	28.8
63	45	Bett Bros	58	...	...	...	3.4
48	36	Blockleys	48 †	...	1.0	2.6	-
250	189	Blue Circle	243 †	...	11.2	5.8	-
282	230	Boot (Henry)	280	...	5.9	2.7	-
106	78	Breedon PLC	89 †	...	4.6	6.5	-
105	82	Br Dredging	103 †	...	5.2	6.3	22.9
70	45	Brit Fittings	70	+4	1.5	2.7	...
149	99	Bryant	139	-1	4.8	4.3	29.5
75	53	CALA	75	...	2.3	...	...
303	205	CRH	251	...	...	3.7	15.9
43	22	Cakebread Rby	33	...	...	...	...
39	23	Cosain	34	-1	...	...	...
136	90	Countryside	130	-1	4.1	4.0	34.4
63	38	Crest Nicholson	58	-1	0.0	...	...
76	28	Cussins	76	...	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dunton	1½	...	...	...	...
25	16½	Edmond Hldgs	20½	...	0.5	3.0	...
238	178	Epwin	225	...	6.8	3.9	-
48	32	Erith	47	...	0.3	0.9	...
350	252	Eve Group	350	...	...	3.5	12.7
53	34	Evered Bardon	52 †	...	2.0	4.8	24.4
6½	4½	Expamet	4½	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp	137	...	...	4.7	-
50	38	Galliford	42½	...	4.3	...	17.1
78	65	Gibbs & Dandy	68	...	...	...	...
785	605	Gleeson (MJ)	785	...	12.7	2.0	12.7
116	90	Hewden-Stuart	114½	...	3.2	3.5	-
50	28	Hewetson	50	...	2.8	...	49.8
290	186	Heywd Wlm	263	-7	12.5	5.9	...
85	37	Higgs & Hill	78	-1	2.5	4.1	-
35	22	How Gp	29	...	1.5	6.6	...
19	15	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
85	59	Ibstock Johnsen	85	+1	1.0	1.8	-
22	14½	Jarvis	21	...	0.5	...	...
278	196	Laing (J)	276	-2	9.0	4.1	-
83	55	Ln Clydeside	66	...	4.5	8.5	24.9
31	10½	Lovell (YJ)	23	...	...	...	10.4
305	240	Manders	304	+4	9.0	3.7	18.6
139	93	Marley	136	...	4.2	3.9	39.9
79	61	Marshalls	75	...	...	8.3	25.1
141	122	Maunders (J)	141	...	4.9	4.4	12.9
188	96	Mcalpine (A)	184	-4	6.5	4.4	31.9
35	23	McCarthy & S	32½	...	0.5	6.1	...
309	284	Meyer Intl	305	-3	10.0	3.6	37.6
4	4	Miskin Gp	4	...	...	...	...
115	62	Mowlem (J)	115 †	...	4.0	4.3	...
78	62	NSM	62	...	...	...	...
53	48	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
153	106	Newman Tnks	153	+4	...	6.5	20.4
286	197	Persimmon	282	-1	8.6	3.8	28.8
26	22	Phoenix Timber	23	...	...	...	...
1625	1462½	Pochins	1462½	...	29.0	2.5	8.9
115	80	Prowting	115	...	3.4	3.7	-
6½	4½	Quiligotti	4½	...	...	...	...
674	555	RMC Gp	641 †	-1	20.0	3.9	-
117	90	Raine Ind	99	-1	6.0	7.6	16.5
30	20	Ransus	21	...	...	...	...
499	402	Redland	432 †	-3	25.0	7.2	25.1
75	64	Roskel	68 †	...	4.3	7.9	10.0
289	207	Rugby Group	258	-4	6.4	3.1	-
42	25	Svriid-Rye	42	...	...	...	...
104	68	Sharpe & Fisher	100 †	...	4.0	4.9	-
172	110	Sheffield Insl	166	+1	5.4	4.1	26.8
96	82	Sheriff Hldgs	96	...	...	3.6	14.3
95	66	Shorco	75 †	...	...	8.7	-
228	205	Smart (J)	208	...	8.5	5.2	9.3
6½	4½	Starmin	5½	...	0.3	7.1	6.3
142	103	Tarmac	133	-4	5.5	5.3	...
194	137	Tay Homes	186	-1	5.8	3.9	11.9
115	63	Taylor Woodrw	101 †	...	1.0	1.2	...
533	433	Tilbury Dougls	513	...	33.0	8.4	-
24	19	Torex Hires	24	...	...	2.1	...
220	168	Travis Perkins	213	+4	8.0	4.8	-
37	30	Try Group	36 †	...	1.0	3.5	10.2
28	26	Tudor	28 †	...	...	1.1	...
68	41	Vibroplant	61	-1	3.6	7.4	11.2
42	20	Ward Hldgs	42	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	28	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	436	...	10.7	3.1	-
14	8	Wescol	13	-1	...	...	...
152	90	Westbury	127	-5	...	4.8	...
12	4½	West Scaffold	9	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	451 †	-6	8.7	2.4	30.9
204	147	Wilson (C)	204	+2	3.9	2.4	-
184	109	Wimpey G	120	-2	5.2	3.9	-
42	25	YRM	30	-1	4.0	...	4.5

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	583	+3	...	...	-
228	198	Adam & Harvey	213	...	11.0	6.5	3.3
92	56	Air London	86	-7	...	6.8	7.9
50	37	African Lakes	44 †	...	2.0	5.7	...
175	125	Asto Sec	164 †	...	5.3	4.0	-
108	84	BET Ord	99½	+½	...	8.2	14.6
78	41	BNB Res	76	...	4.8	8.1	-
318	258	BPP	288	...	8.0	3.5	15.9
285	250	Barbour Index	250	...	7.3	3.6	18.6
20	15	Bousead	18	...	0.7	5.0	-
236	184	Brit Data Mgt	220	-1	...	2.3	18.3
14	11	Broadcastle	14	...	...	...	11.2
73	54	Brooks Service	68	...	...	...	...
104	86	CRT Gp	90	...	2.4	3.3	10.3
173	139½	Capita Group	168	...	...	1.6	8.7
40	31	Casket Plc	37	-½	0.5	1.7	14.1
55	40	Chiltern Capital	50	...	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	45	+2	...	...	...
285	228	Chubb Sec	269	+2	...	1.3	29.7
38	18	Comac	35	+5	...	1.8	-
18½	6½	Corp Services	17½	-½	...	...	...
80	50	Dart	80	...	3.3	5.2	9.1
231	198	Davis Service	224	-1	...	4.3	-
104	85	EW Facia	97	...	4.3	5.6	11.1
25	11	Gardiner	22½	-1	0.6	3.7	15.6
44	20	Gardner (DC)	41	-2	...	...	...
246	225½	Hays	233 †	-2	4.6	2.5	22.0
220	175	Hogg Robinsn	195	+11	6.3	4.1	14.5
70	55	Holmes Protectn	55	...	...	...	3.6
164	127	Hutch Whamp	164	+7	...	2.9	-
£120½	9650	ISS B DKr	9875	-12½	...	1.1	13.8
637	532	Inchcape	598 †	+1	...	2.9	20.2
863	669	Johnson Clean	828	...	25.7	3.9	-
12	2½	Lep	8½	...	...	...	...
244	173	Mine Gp	210	-1	2.7	1.6	17.3
1187	893	Manpower	1033	...	...	...	...
44½	40½	Michael Page	41 †	...	1.8	5.5	17.4
279	217	Penna	273	...	...	0.9	69.2
4½	2	Prime People	2½	...	...	...	...
142	85	Proudfoot Alex	105	+1	12.0	15.2	-
423	378	RCO	378	-5	12.8	4.6	13.0
118	113	REA	113	...	4.0	4.4	...
88	43	Reed Executive	88	...	...	...	...
156	115	Reliance Secs	115	...	...	4.9	11.6
238	197	Rentokil	197	-2	2.3	1.5	24.6
278	240	Rolfe & Nolan	265	...	6.2	2.9	17.8
399	343	Salvesen (C)	374	-3	7.0	2.3	20.7
35	29	Scott Pickford	30	...	...	3.3	8.3
206	164	Securiguard	190	...	9.4	6.2	10.1
6	5	Select Appt	6	...	...	...	...
988	695	Serco Gp	983	-2	14.0	1.8	27.2
352	252	Sherwd Cmpu	310	-5	...	2.9	-
130	92	Sketchley	92	...	3.0	4.1	11.2
355	310	Warner Howrd	310	...	...	2.5	17.5
45	27	Welpac	27	...	0.6	2.8	...
25½	14	Wills Gp	25½	...	...	0.5	34.9

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	223	Allied Colloids	225	-3	3.9	2.2	17.9
759	613	Amersham	690	-5	12.5	2.3	25.6
7	3½	Anglo Utd	3½	...	0.8	...	...
£101½	8325	BASF DM	9100	-27½	...	7.6	...
269	221	BTP	258	+8	9.3	4.9	18.9
£119	£102½	Bayer DM50	£104½	+17½	...	5.5	...
173	134	Blagden	170	...	9.5	7.0	18.3
165	137	Brent Chems	148	...	7.4	6.3	-
530	428	Br Bio-Tech	447	-2	...	...	...
29	16	Caird Gp	23½	-½	1.3	7.1	-
153	127	Canning (W)	128 †	-1	7.2	7.1	14.2
608	537½	Courtaulds	554	...	13.0	2.9	15.0
318	228	Croda	278 †	...	7.25a	3.5	-
146	121	Doeflex	131	...	4.6	4.4	10.0
202	175	Ellis & Everard	201	...	7.0	4.4	18.3
28	15½	Euro Colour	22½	...	0.6	3.6	...
291	259	Halstead (J)	285	...	...	2.6	14.3
228	194	Hickson	226 †	-1	8.0	4.4	-
£119½	8850	Hoechst	9550	+225	...	...	...
216	195	Holliday Chem	214	+1	...	2.2	19.7
1280	1048	ICI	1278	+31	55.0	5.4	31.7
688	581	Laporte	629	-9	19.5	3.9	-
223	189	Leigh	189	-1	7.8	5.2	15.4
10½	8	MTM	8½	-2	...	...	...
1650	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1650	+25	...	1.7	-
420	370	Paterson Zoch	419	...	11.4	3.4	18.1
375	360	-do- 'A'	369	...	11.4	3.9	15.9
295	254	Plysu	268	...	6.0	2.8	18.1
210	173	Porvair	208	...	3.6	2.2	22.2
13	7½	Sutcliffe Speak	10	...	...	...	...
475	425	Wardle Storeys	462 †	...	16.0	4.5	17.8
490	395	Wolstnhlme R	445 †	...	17.0	4.8	-
391	368	Yorks Chem	391	+1	...	2.4	20.9
306	240	Yule Catto	297 †	-1½	5.9	2.5	-

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
105	63	Alexon	93	...	3.0	4.0	...
87	42	Amber Day	76	...	3.1	5.2	20.5
319	257	Argos Plc	300	-3	...	2.9	20.6
104	69	Ashley (Laura)	99	-2	0.1	0.1	-
305	280	Asprey	283	...	...	2.1	23.0
245	188	Austin Reed	243	...	5.0	2.6	-
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	141	...	5.7	5.1	13.5
121	97	Bentalls	111	...	1.9	2.2	-
273	208	Betterware	252	...	...	0.6	34.7
34	22	Blacks Leis	30	-3	3.3	...	6.2
227	153	Body Shop	208	+1	1.6	1.0	24.0
16	12	Brown & Jackson	16	...	...	0.6	-
401	318	Brown (N)	358	...	6.0	2.1	22.2
96	64½	Burton	80	-1½	...	...	...
145	128	Cantors	144	...	...	2.3	10.1
405	295	Church	355	...	12.5	4.4	31.6
183	97	Clinton Cards	157 †	...	4.2	3.4	-
247	212	Coats Viyella	237	...	...	3.8	26.0
106	78	Colourvision	87	...	...	...	14.7
485	374	Courts Furnish	485	...	5.0	1.3	24.3
155	115	Crown Eyes	135	...	...	5.6	6.3
106	89	Dairy Farm Intl	99	...	...	3.4	-
65	51½	Dewhirst (II)	63 †	...	1.0	2.0	-
281	194½	Dixons Grp	214	-3	6.0	3.5	25.2
390	320	Dunhill	389	...	7.7	2.5	13.5
21	12½	ERA Gp	13	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	400	...	16.0	5.2	-
115	71	Essex Furn	101	...	...	3.4	17.1
235	203	Etam	234	...	6.9	3.8	-
582	499	Fine Art Dev	545	...	11.0	2.5	20.9
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
500	498	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
51	24	French Conn	50	...	...	...	...
47	21	Gabbicci	43	...	2.0	...	8.6
65	43	Gent SR	49	...	2.0	5.1	14.4
45	23	Goldsmiths Gp	45	+4	1.8	...	...
2913	2400	GUS	2913	...	40.0	1.7	23.2
1728	1563	-do- 'A'	1650	-11	40.0	3.0	13.1
40	34	Hampden Grp	35 †	...	...	3.6	-
277	98	Harstone	100	-3	4.8	6.1	6.1
25½	20	Helene Plc	21 †	...	2.0	12.0	-
42	29	Heritage	30	...	...	...	...
63	35	Honeysuckle	63	...	...	2.0	8.9
189	128	Hse of Lerose	188	...	10.3	6.8	-
92	63	Jacques Vert	92	+2	2.0	...	...
604	486	Kingfisher	588	-2	...	3.0	16.6
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	69	...	4.0	7.2	14.2
685	495	Liberty	655	...	7.2	1.4	-
320	265	Lloyds Chem	313	...	5.5	2.2	12.3
152	120	MFI	131	-1	...	3.6	17.5
360	311	Marks Spencer	343½	-2½	7.1	2.6	20.9
500	445	Menzies (John)	498	...	10.0	2.5	16.6
175	135	Moss Bros	173	-1	5.5	4.1	-
174	139½	Next	165	-2	2.5	1.9	-
30	15	Oliver (G)	30	+1	...	...	...
250	197	OdDame Intl	215	-2	...	5.6	14.0
63	45	Pentos	55	...	1.5	3.5	-
313	255	QS Hldgs	287	...	5.1	2.3	20.2
26	11	Ratners Group	24½	-1	2.4	12.4	...
35	30½	Rhino Grp	30	-1½	...	...	-
174	127	Sherwood Gp	171 †	...	2.6	1.9	-
108	93	Sears	103	-1	3.5	4.4	-
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	439	+3	13.4	3.8	15.5
14½	4½	Specialeyes	9	...	...	...	...
219	176	Storehouse	204	-1	5.0	3.1	...
191	153	T & S Stores	154 †	...	5.9	4.8	11.5
133	71	Tie Rack	126	...	...	1.0	20.5
213	160	Time Products	200	...	7.5	4.7	19.6
100	63	Usher (Frank)	90	...	...	6.9	7.1
45	27	Viva	36	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
40	35	Wensum	37	...	...	6.4	...
117	78	Wickes	115	-1	...	...	51.0
60	45	Wld of Leather	50	+2	...	...	-
192	146	Wyevale	192	+2	...	2.6	-
4	2½	Xtra-vision	3½	-½	...	...	3.7

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	147	ACT Group	163	+1	4.5	3.5	16.0
238	223	Acal	238	...	...	3.1	19.9
162½	38	Acorn Compt	95	+1	...	...	48.1
480	385	Admiral	440	-4	5.4	1.5	18.6
131	104	Alba	129	...	4.7	4.6	16.9
43	19½	Alphameric	39	+2	...	...	...
38½	22	Amstrad	34½	...	0.4	...	...
128	78	App Holo	83	...	...	...	...
17	13	Arlen	14	...	...	...	...
57½	35½	Astec	52	-½	...	...	...
290	250	Bailes Hunter	277	-2	9.2	4.2	14.6
9	3½	Bennett & Fount	5½	...	...	...	...
381	319	BICC	349 †	-6	19.2	6.9	23.6
575	455	Blick	484	+1	9.2	2.4	18.8
1650	1150	Borland	1450	-38	...	...	...
319	274	Bowthorpe	310	+1	6.3	2.6	-
445½	376	BT	403	-3½	14.4	4.5	15.0
9	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	7½	...	0.1	1.7	...
151	110	Burnfield	140	...	5.7	5.1	22.1
700	669	Cable Wireless	680	-4	13.2	2.4	21.0
14½	11½	Chloride	12½	...	...	...	...
251	229	CML Micro	250	...	...	2.4	16.5
100	74	Comptr People	100	+5	0.6	0.8	...
151	108½	Cray Elect	143	+1	...	0.4	11.7
336	243	Critchley	315	...	...	2.4	22.3
510	414	Delta	507	+3	14.0	3.5	-
298	205	Denmans Ele	285	...	...	2.7	12.1
620	460	Domino	515	...	7.2	1.7	17.6
65	48	Dowding Mills	55 †	...	2.5	5.7	18.1
1030	865	Druck	1030	+5	...	1.1	25.1
411	358	Electrocomponts	393	-1	7.0	2.2	21.3
573	470	El Data Ptr	558	...	5.1	1.1	15.3
86	43	Electron House	82	...	2.3	3.6	25.0
22	10½	Emess	21½	...	0.1	0.6	-
587	442	Eurotherm	574	-1	8.0	1.7	28.1
132	108	FKI	132	...	2.3	2.2	25.6
391	340	Farnell Elect	385	-1	6.2	2.0	-
51	33	Feedback	51	...	...	...	...
18	9½	Ferranti	13½	-1	...	...	...
183	101	First Tech	183	+6	...	...	...
221	81	Forward Gp	221 †	...	...	1.9	-
31	17	Forward Tech	17	...	...	...	...
325½	264	GEC	312	-2½	9.6	3.8	16.5
182	132	Graseby	178	...	10.9	7.7	-
39	29	Hitecare	39	...	...	1.6	12.7
125	83	INSTEM	125	+1	...	3.1	8.9
388	320	Jones Stroud	388	...	8.0	2.6	16.0
10	8	Kembrey	10	...	0.3	4.7	3.8
321	280	Kenwood App	309	...	...	...	16.4
181	47	Kewill Sys	163	-1	...	...	8.2
203	100	Kode	178	-2	5.5	3.8	21.1
50	16	Laser-Scan	48	+3	...	...	-
365	122	LBMS	319	+24	...	...	...
300	240	Lec Refrig	288 †	...	9.0	4.2	...
179	141½	Life Sciences	142	-1	3.5	3.1	15.4
227	164	Logica	226	...	3.6	2.0	26.7
54	44	LPA Inds	46	...	...	9.6	13.0
212	183	MR Data Mngmt	185	...	4.3	2.9	17.7
673	522	Macro 4	668	-4	...	2.4	22.4
630	527	Memtec Sw	605	...	...	1.9	19.8
3013	2013	Micro Focus	2050	+2	...	...	18.0
227	188	Microgen	199	...	7.2	4.6	13.5
34½	24	Microvitec	27	-½	...	...	...
514	357	Misys	478	...	6.1	1.6	21.8
151	96	Mitel	143	+1	...	...	...
138	106	MMT Compu	109	...	...	4.0	13.8
27	19	Molynx	19	...	...	8.6	1.8
222	202	MTL Inst	215	...	...	2.1	16.2
165	134	Multitone Elect	134	...	3.0	2.8	16.4
149	116	Murray Enter	147	...	1.8	1.6	68.3
6412½	5375	NYNEX	5437½	-25	...	...	...
188	140	Neotronics	158	...	2.6	2.1	20.4
63	42	Newmark (L)	63 †	...	...	...	...
100	58	Norbain	100	+6	...	1.2	15.0
42	20	Northamber	38	...	0.5	1.6	...
15½	9	Oceonics	11½	...	...	...	7.5
248	195	Oxford Inst	247	...	4.3	2.2	16.6
72	48	P-E Internl	62	...	1.0	2.0	...
75	20	P & P	73	+2	1.4	2.4	38.8
80	55	Peek	76	+1	3.4	5.8	19.2
190	115	Pegasus	170	...	...	4.7	43.1
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1050	725	-do- Lmp nv	887½	+12½	...	...	...
452	343	Pilco	447	...	7.7	2.2	37.9
432	303	-do- 'A' Voting	427	...	7.7	2.3	36.2
96	75	Plasmec	75	...	...	6.4	-
104	76	Pressac	88	...	2.4	3.4	17.8
135	103	Psion	117 †	...	...	2.7	31.1
11	6½	Ptarmigan	10	...	...	...	...
224	160	Racal Elect	202	-3	1.5	0.9	23.9
60	45	Radamec	58	...	1.0	3.3	-
70	43	Radius	59	...	...	5.7	20.4
92	61	Real Time	64	...	...	5.9	5.6
29	16	Rivac	24	...	...	...	...
629	488	Sage Gp	608	...	9.0	1.9	19.4
66	49	Scantronic	64	-1	2.9	5.8	20.2
142	117	Scholes Grp	118	...	5.0	5.3	23.2
330	270	Sema Gp	298	...	2.8	1.2	24.0
39	26	Silvermines	35	...	...	8.3	...
45	37	Soundtracks	44	...	...	6.2	14.8
2437½	1737½	TDK	2250	...	...	1.3	22.5
27	4½	TDS Circuits	18½	-½	...	...	...
155	80	Telemetrix	139	...	0.6	0.5	48.5
899	809	THORN EMI	848	-1	30.1	4.4	21.8
111	96	Thorpe FW	105	...	2.5	3.0	10.8
108	75	Total Systems	82½	...	2.2	3.4	14.7
429	372	Tunstall	410	+1	6.0	1.8	18.4
256	164	Unitech	247	-1	5.8	3.0	43.2
11½	6	Verity	9	...	...	...	...
33½	24	Vistec	29½	-½	...	1.3	25.1
434	367	Vodafone	370	-2	...	2.0	18.2
441	374	Volex	412	...	...	5.2	20.9
22	11	Western Selecm	20	...	...	...	...
253	223	Wholesale Ftgs	253	...	11.7	5.8	24.1

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487	389	East Midlands	449	-8	17.1	4.8	8.6
496	309	Eastern Elect	462	-5	16.7	4.5	11.5
356	304	Hydro-Elect	326	-6	10.1	3.9	11.6
500½	404	London Elect	461	-6	16.8	4.6	8.9
549	458	Manweb	523	-10	18.2	4.4	7.5
514	424½	Midlands Elec	480	-10	17.2	4.5	10.1
549	440	Northern Elec	505	-4	18.5	4.6	7.5
544	439	Norweb	508	...	17.7	4.4	9.6
337	285	Scottish Power	306	-6	10.1	4.1	11.4
529	436	Seeboard	491	-6	17.2	4.4	8.8
571	469	Sth Wales	542	-6	19.4	4.5	8.6
532	426	Sth Western	494	-8	17.4	4.4	8.9
496	406	Southern Elec	463	-4	16.6	4.5	9.2
552	455	Yorkshire Elec	512	-4	17.7	4.3	9.5
384½	273	National Powr	322½	-4½	9.1	3.5	10.6
353	273	PowerGen	329	-6	...	4.0	10.2

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	53	Aitken Hume	54	...	0.5	...	34.5
75	47	BWD	75	...	...	5.3	11.7
90	26	Baltic Plc	84	...	1.0	1.5	-
453	428	Caledonia	432	...	14.4	4.2	10.6
1500	1075	Camellia	1400	...	22.0	2.4	11.8
258	243	Candover	243	-5	10.2	5.3	17.2
91	71	Flexech	90	...	...	...	8.9
303	153	Govett	275	+1	...	5.5	8.6
146	125	Ivory Sime	145	...	...	5.4	15.2
6½	3½	LIT	3½	-½	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	0.6
203	154	Lon Forfaiting	201	...	8.4	5.4	14.2
57	47	Manakin	57	...	...	...	...
11	3½	Nat Home Loan	10½	...	...	...	...
49	47	Newmarket	49	+1	...	...	...
272	246	Rathbone Bros	270	...	6.0	2.8	16.4
22	17	Rutland Tst	19½	...	0.8	5.1	-
330	264	S & U	264	-6	10.0	4.9	-
67	48	Singer & Fried	61 †	...	2.6	5.3	-
938	788	Sotheby's	825	...	...	4.6	...
106	83	SIP Capital	104	-1	3.0	3.6	18.8

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1950	1487½	Amer Express	1756½	-34½	...	...	...
234	183	Electra	214½	...	6.7	3.9	29.3
978	835	Henderson Ad	910	-5	41.0	5.6	20.0
121	92	Invesco MIM	117 †	-2	3.0	3.2	-
218	164	Jardine Strat	187½	-3½	...	3.9	9.2
194	154	MAI	187	+1	6.0	4.0	13.6
469	389	MAM	455	...	11.5	3.2	18.2
795	633	M & G	788	-3	20.0	3.2	21.0
225	115	Smith New Ct	215	...	4.5	2.6	8.6
97	97	Sterling Tst	97 #	...	...	...	8.5
78	55	Trio Hldgs	74	...	...	5.1	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	461	AB Food	483	-3	14.0	3.7	10.9
77½	53	ASDA Group	69½	...	...	2.9	22.4
225	170	Acatos & Hutch	205	...	6.5	4.0	11.8
76	55	Albert Fisher	64	...	3.7	7.5	10.3
407	320	Argyll	326	...	9.7	3.7	12.8
25	12	Ashley Group	15½	...	0.7	6.0	...
147	127	Assoc Fisheries	137 †	...	8.0	7.3	-
210	160	Banks (S C)	210	...	8.2	4.9	10.5
402	310	Barr (AG)	385	...	6.5	2.1	19.4
85	57	Bensons Crisps	65 †	...	...	5.5	14.6
135	112½	Berisford Intl	128 #	...	...	...	...
455	363	Booker	378 †	...	...	7.2	13.4
50	35	Borthwick	47	...	1.1	2.9	32.8
488	430	Brake Bros	483	...	...	1.6	20.2
51	38	Budgen	50	...	...	...	17.0
511	444	Cadbury-Schw	462	-4	...	3.6	17.2
89	78	Carrs Milling	84	...	3.9	5.8	16.8
201	178	Cranswick	193	...	...	4.9	14.3
30	8½	Cullens	19½	...	0.5	4.0	8.3
384	168	Dalepak	210	-5	6.0	3.6	9.5
491	433	Dalgety	449 †	-1	19.5	5.4	13.1
50	27	Daniels S	47 †	...	0.2	0.7	...
134	122	Everest	133	...	...	3.3	18.4
295	269	Farepak	292	...	...	2.1	20.7
10	3	Farringford	8½	...	...	...	...
92	78	Finlay (James)	82	...	4.1	6.3	15.4
125	78	Fyffes	110	...	...	1.4	18.3
485	370	Geest	435	...	8.1	2.4	-
12	7	Global	10 †	-½	...	6.3	15.6
45	43	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.3	...
198	147	Hazlewood Fds	198	+4	6.1	3.9	12.0
171	131	Hillsdown	157 †	+1	...	7.0	12.3
44	27	Hunter Saphir	43	...	2.5	...	...
750	616	Iceland Frozen	693 †	-4	10.0	1.8	20.6
131	111	JLI Group	112	...	4.5	5.0	16.1
853	731	Kwik Save	780	+4	16.0	2.6	14.8
262	205	Low (Wm)	206	...	8.4	5.2	9.8
58	41	Matthews (B)	50	...	2.2	5.6	32.7
16	12½	Merchant Retail	14½	+½	1.1	10.0	34.6
174	151	Morrison (W)	154	...	...	0.6	20.0
538	443	Nichols (JN)	508	...	13.6	3.3	14.7
280	250	Nthn Foods	254	-1	...	3.9	14.0
32	14	Nrthmbn Fds	16	...	...	...	6.7
229	172	Nurdin Peack	207	...	6.1	3.8	-
241	205	Park Foods	220	+7	3.2	1.8	26.3
115	83	Perkins Food	109	+3	4.4	5.0	-
96½	47	PizzaExpress	74	...	...	0.8	42.5
3½	1½	Regina Hlth	3½	...	...	...	...
584	452	Sainsbury J	459	-3	8.7	2.4	17.1
68	33	Senory Farms	56	...	...	2.2	13.1
225	170	Sims Food	173	...	11.2	8.1	9.3
439	391	Tate & Lyle	392	-3	12.0	3.8	14.4
273	216½	Tesco	217½	-4½	7.1	4.1	-
211	167	Thorntons	172	...	3.6	2.7	16.0
183	101	Treatt	173	-3	...	2.6	19.7
375	300	Unigate	358	+3	15.3	5.3	12.8
431	340½	Utd Biscuits	410	-1	...	4.7	21.2
25	21½	Usborne	23	...	0.4	2.2	14.0
337	248	Watson & Phil	304	+1	13.3	5.5	15.9

HOTELS, CATERERS

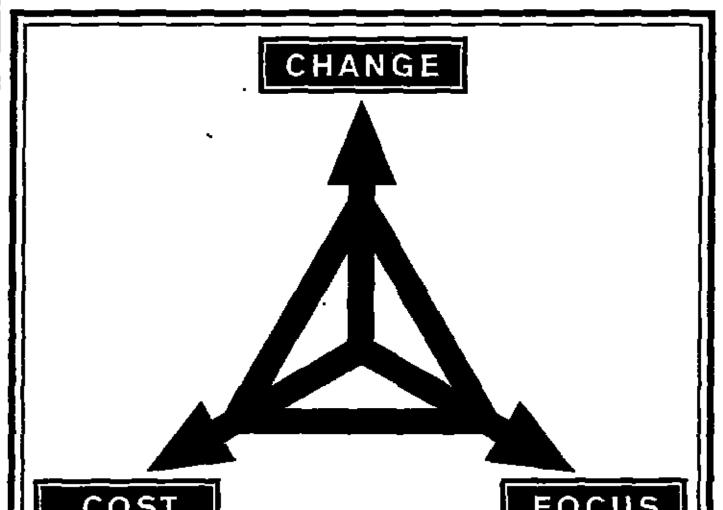
1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	16	Abrdn Stk Ho	16	...	...	...	...
89	77	City Centre Rest	82 †	...	1.5	2.4	-
209	170	Forte	190 †	-2	7.5	4.9	-
199	155	Friendly Hotels	166	-11	5.7	4.4	-
9	6½	Harmony Leis	8	...	...	...	...
110	87	Jurys Hotel	102½	...	...	6.0	12.1
215	159	Ladbroke	162	-4	...	8.6	21.4
73	59	Mandarin Ortnl	65	...	...	4.8	-
59	44	Queens Moat	47 #	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
91	83	-do- 7¼% crpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	½	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	42	...	3.4	10.3	8.3
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	18	...	...	7.6	10.8
795	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	750 †	...	7.0	1.2	...
54	34½	Stakis	48	...	...	1.2	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	178	AAF Inds	198 †	...	...	5.6	12.0
616	487	AAH	493	+2	16.3	4.1	15.7
172	140	AIM	142	...	6.5	5.7	8.8
132	100	APV	109	-½	5.4	6.2	-
182	81	ASW	182	+3	6.0	4.1	...
155	124	Adwest	152 †	...	7.0	5.8	21.6
16½	10	Aerospace Eng	14½	...	1.0	...	8.8
468	434	Airsprung	460	+5	7.5	2.0	12.8
133	113	Alendra W	133	+3	3.8	3.6	-
13½	7	Allied Radio	7	...	...	...	...
525	415	Alumasc	528	...	11.0	2.6	16.2
35	17	Alvis	33	-1	1.0	3.8	6.8
420	345	Amber Ind	365	...	17.0	5.8	9.8
38	19	Amberley Gp	30	...	...	4.2	...
145	135	Andrews Sykes	141	...	4.4	3.9	...
893	703	Amalgasta	863	...	...	2.4	-
50½	37	Armour	44½	-½	1.4	4.2	13.1
170	143	Ash & Lacy	159	...	6.4	5.0	16.3
7½	2	Ass Br Eng	2½	...	0.0	2.3	...
555	445	Avon Rubber	526	-1	16.5	3.9	20.5
235	168	Assoc Nursg	216	+1	...	...	8.3
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	671 †	...	...	4.2	-
48	35	Ayrshire Metal	38	-3	...	...	...
172	147	BBA	158	...	...	5.9	-
51	28	BLP Group	51	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	22½	+1½	5.0	...	1.0
770	691	BOC	701	+7	23.2	4.1	15.4
79½	62	BSG	64 †	-1	...	6.3	-
450	353	BSS Group	450	...	...	4.8	18.0
620	530	BTR	594	-6	...	3.8	19.5
221	188	BWI	190 †	...	6.7	4.3	18.0
41½	31	Babcock	37½	...	3.1	...	7.8
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...	...
299	241	Baird (Wm)	246	...	8.9	4.5	-
1062½	556½	Barlow Rand	993½	...	...	5.8	3.3
7	7	Barrett (H)	7 #	...	2.0	...	16.2
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	57	...	1.4	3.1	-
15	5	Beauford	6½	...	1.8	...	...
8½	6½	Beckenham	8	...	...	...	...
34	16	Bedford (W)	30	...	...	...	...
27½	19½	Benson Group	21	+½	0.1	0.6	19.4
707	541	Bespak	544	...	9.0	2.1	17.0
133	110	Bibby (J)	116	-1	9.7	11.2	6.4
300	129	Billam (J)	254	-6	5.0	2.4	-
33½	21½	Bilston Brnsea	30	...	...	...	...
11½	7½	Bimec Ind	7½	-½	0.6	...	...
158	136	Birkby	145	...	...	0.9	...
43	32	Black Arrow	40	...	2.1	6.6	9.0
1½	½	Black & Edgtn	1½	...	...	...	...
183	136	Block (Peter)	167	...	2.9	2.2	17.2
196	129	Bluebird Toys	182	...	...	3.1	11.4
587	494	Bodycote	580	...	10.0	2.2	-
563	449	Boots	451	-11	...	3.7	16.9
61	45	Booth Inds	48	...	3.2	8.3	5.0
517	435½	Bowater	492	-2	11.5	2.9	19.4
1682	1335	Bowater Inc	1376 †	-15	...	...	...
248	169	Boxmore Intl	239 †	...	...	1.9	17.9
19	12½	Brasway	18	-1	0.5	4.0	23.3
268	204	Brammer	253 †	+1	13.0	6.4	-
16½	12	Bridgend Gp	15½	+½	1.2	...	7.0
100	64	Bridon	89	-1	4.0	5.8	-
70	53	Bridport-Gundry	69 †	...	4.1	7.4	12.9
40	31	Brierley Inv	34	...	...	9.3	8.4
309	273	Br Bldg & Eng	273	...	...	1.1	...
59	42	Br Bloodstock	50	...	...	...	...
497	417	Br Polythene	496 †	+1	...	2.5	17.8
97	54	Br Steel	91	...	...	1.4	...
130	100	Br Syphon	120	...	3.0	3.1	33.6
14½	11½	Br Thornton	14	+½	...	2.2	...
268	216	Br Vita	237	-1	7.1	3.9	14.0
13	6½	Britton Grp	11½	+½	0.0	0.3	...
730	555	Broken Hill	659	-15	...	2.8	30.9
109	78	Bromsgrve Ind	102	...	4.0	4.9	14.1
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	7½	...	...	...	...
70	51	Brown & Tawse	68	...	4.7	...	...
118	91	Bullough	108	...	6.0	7.0	18.5
26	16	Business Techn	19	...	...	...	22.9
28	17	CI Group	24	-4	1.0	5.2	-
25	15	Campbell & Arm	24	...	2.0	...	...
15½	6½	Cannon St	14½	-½	...	...	...
240	205	Cape	234	...	10.5	5.6	14.9
220	178	Carclo Eng	220	...	...	3.9	18.5
2888	2138	Carnaud Mtl	2350	...	...	2.8	-
78	68	Cassidy Bros	70	...	...	4.3	7.8
167	158	Castings	166	...	4.0	3.1	11.8
145	113	Chamberlin Hill	140	...	6.0	5.4	8.4
707	609	Charter Cons	635	+1	21.5	4.2	15.2
270	220	Chemring	258	...	...	4.0	15.5
92	69	Chieftain Grp	71	...	5.1	9.8	15.2
30	17	Chillington	23	...	0.5	2.7	...
188	144	Christies Int	181	+2	1.5	1.0	-
61	34	Claybithe	56	...	2.5	5.6	...
90	80	Clayton Son	83	...	3.0	4.5	...
7	7	Co Designers	7 #	...	0.2	...	...
400	350	Cohen (A)	350	...	10.0	...	...
223	179	Community H	179	-1	6.5	4.5	11.1
240	186½	Concentric	223	...	...	3.1	17.9
176	120	Cook (Wm)	162	-5	10.0	...	10.8
208	182	Cookson	208	+4	...	3.6	-
45	38	Copymore	45	...	...	7.5	8.8
238	173	Crowd Pkr 'A'	174	...	5.7	4.1	14.9
178	147	Cosalt	158	...	10.7	8.5	24.0
224	160	Creighton Nts	190	+10	...	4.6	13.8
43	27	CrestaCare	42	...	0.5	1.5	-
3456½	2903½	Dana	3087½	+34½	...	...	...
685	314	Danka Bs Sys	614	+27	3.7	0.8	18.9
16	5	Davies (DY)	16	...	...	...	...
711	642	De La Rue	689	-6	15.0	2.7	21.1
25	16	Dinkie Heel	21 †	...	0.9	5.7	16.7
481	391	Diploma	455	-2	9.7	2.7	23.7
65	50	Dobson Park	62	+2	5.7	11.6	11.2
98	92	Dyson (J&J)	97	...	5.0	6.4	13.9
65	57	-do- 'A'	64	...	5.0	9.8	9.2
18	9	EFG	16	...	...	...	...
421	370	EIS	370 †	...	...	3.9	-
15½	9½	EIT Gp	9½ #	...	...	...	...
28	19	Elbief	28	...	...	...	...
43	19	Eleco	30	...	3.3	...	11.8
2350	1925	Electrolux 'B'	2000	-37½	...	2.8	-
66	45	Elliott (B)	59	...	...	...	...
484	434	Eng China Cl	437	-2	20.0	5.7	-
2475	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2300	-9½	...	1.3	-
76	22	Erskine Hse	37	-1	...	7.7	3.9
44	32	Eurocopy	43	...	1.6	4.7	16.7
77	47	Expamet	66	...	3.2	6.2	...
635	499	Fairey Group	618 †	...	10.2	2.1	-
95	53	Fenner	85	+1	4.2	6.2	16.0
68	33	Ferraris Group	67	...	...	1.9	15.3
1½	½	Ferrometal	1	...	...	...	...
29	23	Ferrum	23	...	2.5	14.5	15.1
35	28	Fife Indmar	31	+3	0.5	2.0	...
251	157	Fisons	161 †	-1	...	6.8	17.3
53	29	Fitzwilton	48	...	...	11.0	...
256	215	Flogas	240	...	...	4.2	9.9
43	40	Folkes Group nv	40	...	1.5	4.8	-
74	56	French (Thmas)	66	...	3.6	6.9	33.1
210	166½	Frost Group	190 †	...	4.0	2.7	-
85	71	GEI Intl	83	...	7.3	11.0	17.1
489	441	GKN	480	+5	...	3.2	21.4
51	42	GR Hldgs	46 †	...	...	...	...
87	79	Garton Eng	79	...	4.0	6.6	...
160	109	Gestetner	111	-3	8.2	9.2	4.8
36	23	Gleves	24	...	...	...	17.4
801	545	Glaxo	587	...	17.0	3.6	16.2
26	16	Glenchewton	23½	...	...	...	...
311	245	Glynwed	307	-3	11.6	4.9	-
93	66	Goode Durrant	89	+3	5.4	7.6	18.8
134	102	Grampian Hd	130	-1	5.5	5.3	22.6
406	341	Granada	393	-3	7.7	2.4	20.9
359	301	Great Shrms	359 †	...	...	3.8	14.8
98	78	Green (Ernst)	89	...	...	9.5	12.7
12	8½	Greenacre	11	...	...	3.2	-
17	6	Guardian Grp	11	-1	...	...	...
43	30½	Haden MacLn	42½	...	2.0	6.0	-
83	44	Hadleigh Inds	66	-2	...	...	...
213	115	Hall Eng	213	...	8.6	5.1	17.8
258	215	Halma	235	...	2.2	1.2	28.1
49	30	Hampson Ind	36	...	2.3	...	9.7
265½	228	Hanson	229½	-4	...	6.2	11.7
221	187	Harris (Philip)	210	...	...	4.1	14.9
186	147	Harrison Crsfld	177 †	+1	9.0	6.4	25.6
60	38	Havelock Euro	56	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	31	...	...	...	...
25	17	Headway	23	...	0.7	3.8	12.1
366	301	Hepworth	355	-4	14.8	5.2	15.3
225	160	Hewitt (J)	218	...	3.0	1.7	17.0
38	15	High-Point	36	...	1.3	...	...
127	112½	Hill & Smith	125	...	...	5.6	17.4
10	7	Hobson	7	...	...	...	...
104	87	Holders Tech	101	+1	...	7.4	-
44	30	Hopkinsons	40	-4	1.3	4.1	-
167	138	Hornby	151	...	...	7.5	14.3
13½	6	Hospital Crp	9	-½	...	11.1	2.4
69	54½	Howden	68	...	...	4.0	10.5
231½	173	Hunting	197 †	-5	...	6.3	-
1160	808	Huntigh Tech	1048	...	...	1.2	-
295	247	IMI	289	+1	10.0	4.3	-
108	90	ISA Intl	98 †	...	1.5	1.9	15.2
205	179	Intercare Gp	187	...	...	1.7	19.8
255	235	Isotron	249	...	3.9	2.0	16.0
493	360	Jardine Math	441	+3	...	2.7	-
537	438	Johnson Matth	459	+1	9.6	2.6	19.0
64	52	Johnson & FB	52	...	3.0	7.2	16.0
136	104	Johnston	134	-4	3.2	3.3	-
32	19	Jones Shipman	24	...	...	...	...
31	18	Jourdan (T)	31	...	0.7	3.1	...
54	26	Kalamazoo	53	+3	...	...	43.7
169½	73	Kalon	169½	...	3.2	2.4	...
297	253	Kelsey Ind	278	...	13.0	5.8	...
545	465	Kershaw (A)	510	...	27.0	6.6	26.5
118	75	Kleeneze	115	+10	...	...	...
118	61	LCW	118	...	3.0	3.2	9.8
300	266	Laird	291	...	10.5	4.5	-
136	105	Lee (Arthur)	133	...	5.9	5.5	56.5
136	110	Lilleshall	124	+1	4.2	4.3	15.3
153	97	Lincat	148	-1	...	4.3	12.8
18½	4½	Lincoln Hse	18½	...	...	...	15.2
128	76	Linread	105 †	...	3.7	4.5	16.2
208	170	Linton Park	200	...	14.0	9.3	-
14½	10½	Lionheart	12	...	0.2	2.1	...
19½	15	Locker (T) A	17½	...	1.0	7.1	55.1
274	191	Lon Ind	199	-2	9.4	5.9	13.5
93½	70	Lonrho	93½	+5½	...	5.3	...
342	269	Low & Bonar	334	...	...	3.4	-
343	283	MB-Caradon	298 †	+2	8.6	3.6	-
169½	140½	-do- pf	150¼	...	7.2	5.8	...
25	14½	ML Hldgs	21	...	1.8	...	30.3
35	27	MS Intl	34	...	2.5	9.2	47.5
50	39	MY Holdings	41 †	...	3.0	12.5	...
283	236	Macfarlane	258 †	+1	4.7	2.3	25.6
430	379	McKechnie	420	...	14.7	4.4	20.6
106	88	McLeod Russel	101	-2	8.0	7.4	12.3
10½	6½	Maddox	6½	-½	...	...	...
74	66	Magnolia	68 †	...	0.1	0.2	-
106	71	Mang Bronze	96	...	1.0	1.3	...
27	22	Marling	23½	...	0.3	...	...
179	124	Mayborn	172 †	-1	...	3.6	14.3
54	29	Mayflower	51 †	...	...	2.9	-
236	191½	Medeva	208	-1	...	1.4	16.9
103½	88	Meggitt	100½	...	3.7	4.7	-
130	111	Metair	114	...	4.0	4.4	16.8
76	70	Metsec	71	...	...	...	...
77	29	Midsummer	74	-1	...	1.3	-
21½	15	Mining & Ald	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
488	368	Molins	456	...	14.0	3.8	-
345	262	Morgan Cble	299 †	-3	12.6	5.4	-
145	134	Morris Ashby	135	...	...	4.4	11.7
31	18	Neepsend	26	...	1.5	...	...
60	34	Nesmr-BNA	53 †	...	3.1	7.4	12.7
164	122	Nobo Gp	164	...	3.5	2.7	20.0
173	127½	Norcros	168	-3	7.0	5.2	28.8
43	35	Novo Group	39	...	...	1.0	...
329	310	Nu-Swift	311	...	...	4.0	8.6
53	36	Office Elec Mac	47	...	0.1	0.3	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	24½	...	1.7	8.9	...
140	133	PCT	133	...	...	7.1	-
48	44	Pacer Systems	44 †	...	...	8.3	...
138	112	Pentland	112	-3	...	2.8	-
380	310	Photo-Me	349	-5	4.4	1.6	17.8
137	97½	Pilkington	133½	+1½	6.0	5.6	48.6
32	19	Pittons	29	...	...	...	...
79	66	Plantbrook	71	...	3.0	5.4	10.9
150	126	Polypipe	146	-2	1.9	1.7	21.1
517	485	Portals	485	-3	14.5	3.8	-
32	19	Porter Chadbrn	23	...	2.5	13.6	5.7
7½	3½	Porth Gp	6½	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	342	-1	6.0	2.2	19.3
20	16½	Prospect Inds	16½	...	0.7	5.7	8.3
54	33½	RPS Group	53	...	...	5.2	11.7
95	73	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	...	...
149	77	Ramco Oil	113	+1	...	2.2	...
744	636	Rank Org	714	+1	31.0	5.4	19.5
33	23	Ransomes	29	...	...	...	...
657	563	Reckitt Colm	568	...	...	3.6	22.8
77	50	Record	76	...	3.6	6.1	36.3
4	2½	Reece	3½	+½	...	...	...
169	131	Relyon	160	...	4.9	3.8	-
303	275	Renishaw	299	...	6.5	2.8	22.1
61	55	Renold	61	+1	1.0	2.0	...
1438	1240	Reuters	1254	-2	21.2	2.1	20.7
30	24½	Rexmore	28	...	1.7	7.8	6.9
120	91	Ricardo Group	117	...	5.7	6.1	32.9
61	58	Richard (Leics)	60	...	4.4	9.2	6.0
78	63	Richardson West	75	...	3.0	5.0	-
128	109	Ropner	126	...	8.2	8.5	17.2
122	97	-do- 'A'	117	...	8.2	9.2	15.9
38	28	Ross Gp	34 †	...	0.6	2.4	13.6
448	395	Rotork	435 †	...	11.1	3.2	-
135	100	Rubicon	130	...	...	1.4	...
65	43	Russell (A)	50	...	1.0	2.5	...
26	15	SEP Indl	25	...	0.6	3.3	-
800	625	SKF 'B'	700	+12½	...	...	...
312	222	Sanderson Elec	301	...	9.0	3.7	12.8
78	39	Savage	77	...	...	0.4	...
45	39	Savile Grdn (J)	40	...	2.2	6.9	15.8
248	219	Scapa	219	-1	5.3	3.1	17.8
238	192	Scholl	205 †	...	6.3	3.8	-
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5	...	...	...	...
990	917	Securicor	919	-1	2.6	0.4	35.0
668	562	-do- 'A'	566	...	2.6	0.6	21.6
565	467	Security Serv	468	...	5.0	1.3	23.2
95	77	Senior Eng	96 †	...	3.1	4.1	-
361	306	Seton Health	357	...	...	1.9	21.6
68	42	Sheldon Jones	66	...	...	...	...
114	88	Shiloh	114	+11	3.9	3.2	-
361	295	Sidlaw	296	...	10.0	4.2	13.8
501	427	Siebe	467	-1	...	2.4	19.7
305	228	Silentnight	280	...	8.0	3.4	16.1
121	102	Sime Darby	109	...	...	3.8	13.4
142	92	Simon Eng	109	...	5.0	5.7	24.9
259	235	Sinclair (Wm)	246½	...	7.0	3.5	15.9
47	42	Six Hundred	45	...	2.5	6.9	...
164	143½	Smith & Neph	148	-1½	...	4.0	19.3
513	389	Smithkline	471	+3	8.6	2.3	16.9
450	340	Smithkline Uts	415	+5	...	3.2	14.9
394	320	Smiths Ind	358	+2	11.2	4.0	14.4
140	79	Stm Bus	92	...	3.5	5.2	7.8
379	265	Spandex	379	...	...	2.2	-
475	300	Spear (JW)	470	...	14.0	3.8	8.6
362	314	Spirax-Sarco	343 †	...	9.3	3.4	-
145	55	Spring Ram	71	...	0.3	0.5	-
270	230	Staveley	230	...	8.2	4.5	13.1
147	126	Sterling Ind	140	...	5.6	5.0	17.5
20	11	Stonehill	19	...	...	...	...
154	97	Suter	140	...	3.8	7.9	-
320	244	Swire Pacfc 'A'	320	+1	...	2.8	-
7	5	Sycamore	6 †	...	...	...	...
78	56	Sykes-Pick	57	...	...	9.0	10.6
265	240	Syltone	265	...	9.4	4.5	12.3
198	164	T & N	179 †	+1	10.8	7.6	-
333	279	TI	308	+2	...	4.3	16.9
18	12	TLS Range	13	...	...	2.5	...
275	218	TT Group	269	-1	6.0	2.8	-
249	220	Takare	234	...	1.8	1.0	-
815	618	Takeda Chem	782	+3	...	0.6	20.7
31	24	Tex Hldgs	30	...	...	...	...
79	70	Tinsley (E)	70	...	...	9.3	8.2
215	150	Thone	215	...	...	2.1	18.7
271	239	Tomkins	244	...	...	3.3	17.1
94½	67	Trafalgar H	90	+3	...	4.5	6.6
95½	65½	-do- 'A'	89	+2½	...	...	...
579	346	Transtec Tech	500	-2	16.0	4.1	12.4
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	182	...	7.0	4.8	16.7
253	221	UniChem	234 †	...	5.6	3.0	-
305	275½	Unidare	305 †	...	...	7.0	9.1
35	11½	Unigroup	30½	-½	...	...	...
1249	1050	Unilever	1078	-5	21.3	2.5	14.7
8112½	6625	Unilever (NV)	7250	-12½	...	3.0	10.6
688	513	VSEL	685	...	25.0	4.6	7.9
9½	6½	Verson	8½	...	...	...	...
141	99½	Vickers	134	+1	...	1.4	...
367	303	Victaulic	324	-1	7.8	3.0	-
364	283	Vinten	352	...	7.0	2.5	-
531	427	Vosper Thorny	531	...	13.1	3.1	12.8
45	41	WSP Hldgs	43	...	2.9	8.4	-
468	410	Wagon Ind	430	+1	...	5.1	16.3
84	71	Walker Greenbk	83	...	3.1	4.8	-
243	201	Wassall	237	-3	2.5	1.3	23.9
35	22	Watford Wdgwd	32	...	...	...	...
675	582	Weir	643	+12	11.8	2.3	-
993	658	Wellcome	722	-13	13.0	2.3	19.9
23½	22½	Wellman	23	...	2.2	...	8.6
495	460	Whatman	490 †	...	9.5	2.4	-
353	267	Whessoe	344	-3	...	2.9	13.4
10½	4	Whewway	10	...	1.0	12.5	...
50	27	Whitecroft	44	...	4.0	...	4.1
8½	4½	Widney	8	...	...	...	...
76	44	Wilkes (James)	72	+4	3.5	6.1	21.0
365	313	Williams Hldg	332 †	-2	12.5	4.7	17.4
29½	17	Wilshaw	29½	+½	0.4	1.7	24.4
620	533	Wolseley	599	-2	12.5	2.6	20.8
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
45	35	Wyko	35	...	2.8	...	28.6
58	38	Young (H)	53	...	3.0	7.1	19.4

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1543½	Alex & Alex	1562½	-18½	...	4.0	...
2275	1793½	Am Gen	1912½	-25	...	3.6	...
45	30	Archer (AJ)	32	...	4.4	17.2	15.6
148	122	Bradstock	125	-1	5.1	5.1	15.4
1473	1078	Britannic	1423 †	-17	33.5	2.9	...
641	561	Comm Union	586	+2	...	5.2	...
1450	1225	Dom & Gen	1445	...	...	1.6	23.9
22	18	FAI	20	...	...	...	...
615½	531	Gen Accident	560 †	-3	26.7	6.0	...
195	160	GRE	185	...	7.0	4.7	15.4
370	293	Heath C E	313	+2	16.0	6.4	18.4
195	168	Hogg Gp	190	...	8.1	5.5	-
198	164	JIB Group	191	-2	7.5	4.9	19.3
493	408½	Legal & Gen	448	-5	...	5.3	63.0
1026	768	Liberty Life	827	+6	...	3.5	14.3
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	433	-7	17.3	5.0	15.6
295	253	Lloyd Thomp	279 †	...	5.6	2.5	20.5
368	274	Londn & Man	340 †	...	14.2	5.2	-
362	321	Lowndes Lmb	349	...	12.6	4.5	13.9
6743½	5612½	Marsh McLn	5812½	-18½	...	3.0	...
97	76	Odel	77	...	...	8.1	5.7
68	50½	PWS	59	...	4.0	8.5	8.6
342	282½	Prudential	319	-2	...	4.7	21.3
1138	800	Refuge	1038	-7	31.5	3.8	28.8
332	259	Royal	319	-6	5.0	2.0	...
183	153	Sedgwick	166	+1	6.0	4.5	20.0
261	216	Steel Burrill	218	...	13.2	7.6	-
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	48	-1	8.2	21.5	4.9
362	307	Sun Alliance	327	-2	14.2	5.4	...
61	50	Trade Indemnty	58	...	...	...	...
288	239	Transatlantic	287	...	12.0	5.2	26.6
773	499	Utd Friendly	675 †	-3	14.5	2.7	-
208	171	Willis Corroon	174	...	...	4.7	-
20	13½	Windsor	19	...	...	...	14.9



INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1708	1548	Alliance	1608	-9	45.0	3.5	-
260	226½	Amer Trust	229	-1	4.9	2.7	47.5
343	304	Ang & O'seas	336	-1	6.8	2.5	42.7
136½	124½	BZW Conv	124½	-½	7.8	7.8	14.6
158	133½	Bankers	148 †	-1	3.4	2.9	40.7
298	264	Baring Tribne	275	-1	6.4	2.9	43.5
153	131	Berry Starq	153	+7	2.2	1.8	-
106½	96½	Br Assets	99½	-½	...	5.4	24.1
67	57½	Br Empire Sec	66½	+½	0.8	1.7	67.5
17	14	-do- Wnts	16	...	...	...	...
173	156	Br Inv	168	...	4.5	3.3	42.2
164	130	Consl Asset	154	...	2.4	1.9	51.2
195	145	Derby Inc	145	...	16.6	14.3	8.7
235	195	-do- Cap	225	...	...	...	...
116	90	Drayton Asia	116	...	0.7	0.8	...
73	62	-do- Blue Chip	68	...	8.4	16.1	7.3
58	35	-do- Eng Intl	56½	+½	1.2	2.7	...
112	84	-do- Far East	112	+2	0.6	0.7	...
108	95	-do- Korea	105	-1½	0.5	0.6	...
631	577	Dunedin Inc G	598	-3	25.4	5.3	27.5
582	513	-do- Wwde	567	-1	9.5	2.1	58.4
270	222	Dundee & Lon	250	-1	12.0	6.0	23.1
50	46	EFM Inc Tst	48	...	4.8	12.4	8.8
54	51½	-do- Div Pf	52	...	...	...	...
274	250½	Edinburgh	263½	-1	8.4	4.1	-
155	141	Electric Gen	152	...	3.1	2.5	48.4
97	85	English Scot	96	...	...	...	...
253	205	European Asset	241	...	...	3.1	29.4
92	77	Finsbury 'A'	92	...	3.0	4.1	39.6
290	248	Fleming Amer	289	-½	0.7	0.4	...
266	190½	-do- Claver	201 †	-1	...	3.3	39.6
266	212	Do Contl	248	...	2.7	1.4	-
171	147	-do- Emrg	167½	...	4.5	3.4	37.6
271	213	-do- F East	262	-2	1.5	0.7	...
306	246	-do- Fledg	297½	-1	3.0	1.3	...
116	106½	-do- Hi Inc	114	...	5.8	6.4	19.4
214	136	-do- Japan	212	...	0.3	0.2	...
271	250	-do- Merc	250½	-½	6.7	3.3	-
251	212	-do- O'seas	237½	-½	4.0	2.1	56.7
229	203	Foreign & Col	218	-½	3.3	1.9	59.4
210	164	-do- Eurotst	194	...	1.2	0.8	...
109	87	-do- German	95	-2	0.4	0.5	...
257	191	-do- Pacific	244 †	-1	1.9	1.0	-
137½	116	-do- Smaller	134	-½	...	1.7	68.1
217	145	GT Japan	217	+2	...	0.7	...
118	65	Genl Cons Cap	112	-2	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	106	-1	...	10.0	10.9
145	117	Govett Am Smlr	117	-7	...	...	...
246	184	-do- Oriental	246	+2	0.9	0.5	...
246	207	-do- Strategy	239	-½	6.7	3.6	32.6
373	340	Greenfriar	370	...	6.3	2.1	35.0
10	5	Gresham House	7	...	...	...	...
53	47	Independent Inv	48½	...	0.5	1.3	76.8
134	125	Inv Cap	127	-1	5.1	5.1	23.3
92	77	I&S UK Smlr	85½	...	2.0	2.9	21.1
183	156½	Kleinwort Charl	173	...	5.0	3.6	33.7
223	176	-do- O'seas	194	-1	3.3	2.1	55.1
126	108	-do- Smlr	113	...	4.0	4.4	27.4
595	540	Law Debenture	579	-3	18.3	3.9	28.0
174	164	Majedie	173	...	...	3.5	33.1
249	221	Merchants	236	-1	10.6	5.6	21.9
5093½	3700	Merrill Lynch	4387½	-50	...	...	...
440	383	Monks Inv Tst	407	-1½	6.7	2.1	54.8
126	105	Morg Gren Inc	122	-1	...	4.7	24.2
37	23	Do Warrants	37	...	...	...	...
47	39	Murray Euro	44	...	0.1	0.5	-
11	4½	Do Wts	9½	...	...	...	...
315	282	Murray Incme	307	-3	...	4.4	29.2
319	265	-do- Intl	288½	-½	11.4	4.9	26.0
312	263	-do- Small	296	...	4.0	1.7	63.8
103	98	-do- S/C Inc	99	...	...	13.8	9.4
90	73	-do- S/C Cap	80	-1	...	...	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2950	...	...	4.5	...
147½	142	-do- S/C DP	147½	-½	...	...	...
260	230	-do- Vent	244	-1	10.3	5.3	19.3
71	58½	New Frontier	69	...	0.2	0.5	...
85	68	Nwthrog Inc	79	...	6.7	10.7	11.1
288	249	O'seas Inv Tst	279	-1	2.8	1.3	79.6
362	285	Pacific Assets	345	...	1.1	0.4	...
304	187	Do Warrants	247	...	...	...	...
8200	7650	Personal Assets	8150 †	...	...	2.5	48.7
124	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	123	...	1.1	1.2	55.7
123	108	River & Merc	115	...	9.2	10.0	11.5
398	350	Robeco	373 †	...	...	3.5	...
388	340	Rolinco	368 †	...	...	2.2	...
240	214	St Andrew Inv	237	...	7.5	4.0	31.9
148½	131	Scot American	138½	-½	4.3	4.0	29.0
945	681	Scott Asian	920	...	...	...	...
345	225	do Warrants	340	...	...	...	...
73	63½	-do- Eastern	68½	-½	1.5	2.8	45.0
231	183	Scottish	192	-1½	4.6	3.0	39.8
201	178	-do- Mtge	188	-½	4.0	2.7	-
79½	71	-do- Value	79	...	...	2.8	56.3
1503	1390	Second Allnce	1414	-4	36.5	3.2	38.0
84½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	81	-½	3.2	5.2	-
130	109	Selective Asset	122	-1	1.2	1.2	43.9
21½	14	Sphere Inv	20 †	...	3.1	19.4	6.5
139	112	TR Far East	131	...	4.5	4.3	28.5
149½	126	TR City Of Lon	135 †	...	4.7	4.4	28.3
141	110	TR Pacific	128	...	0.3	0.3	...
22½	17	TR Property	20½	...	1.4	...	59.5
69	47	TR Tech Inv	52	...	1.7	4.2	25.8
170	146	TR Smlr Cos	158	-½	3.7	2.9	46.3
315	285	Temple Bar	304	-1½	13.2	5.4	22.9
90	69	Thrgmtn Asian E	85	...	0.5	0.7	...
66	54	Throgmorton	65	+½	2.3	4.6	25.7
418	363	Throg Dual Cp	393	...	...	...	...
195	178	USDC Invest	192	...	4.5	2.9	35.3
92	76½	Value Inc Tst	92	...	...	4.9	24.3
598	542	Whitbread Inv	562	+1	15.0	3.3	37.3
195	181	Witan	189½	-1	5.6	3.7	33.0

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
345	269	Airtours	288	...	7.2	3.1	10.2
60	42	Ald Leis	52	...	4.7	...	14.9
272	194	Anglia TV	270	+1	9.2	4.3	-
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	204	+2	10.0	6.3	12.7
1200	930	Boosey Hwks	1200	...	22.0	2.3	-
104	90	Border TV	94	...	...	3.6	12.3
16½	4½	Brent Walker	10	...	...	...	...
7½	2½	Buckingham Intl	3½	...	...	...	...
292	178	Campari	178 †	...	12.0	8.4	-
197	171	Capital Radio	190	...	5.2	3.5	22.1
818	718	Carlton Comm	743	+2	17.0	2.9	21.9
200	158	Castle Comm	178 †	...	...	6.0	16.3
1858	1615	Central TV	1858	+3	38.0	2.6	-
83	61	Chrysalis	65	...	...	...	...
610	517	Compass Gp	540	-11	12.3	2.8	15.5
350	218	Eurocamp	245	...	9.7	5.0	10.1
1180	710	Euro Disney	845	-8	...	1.4	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	4½	...	...	...	...
23	18	Ex-Lands	20	...	...	...	...
333	245	Fairline Boats	332	...	10.5	4.0	...
378	320	First Leisure	363	+3	6.1	2.1	25.1
515	298	GWR Gp	507	-6	...	1.7	26.1
194	149	Grampian	194	+1	6.1	4.0	-
6	5	Greenwich Comm	5	...	...	...	...
51	19	HTV Group	50	...	...	...	...
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	42	...	5.5	...	2.6
12	5½	Kunick	10½	...	...	...	...
390	262	LWT CP	390	...	4.9	1.6	-
452	327	Man Utd	452 †	...	18.0	5.0	15.5
148	96½	Owners Abrd	108	-1	3.5	4.1	8.7
66	33	The Pelican Gp	54	-1	...	2.3	18.6
130	55	Prism Leisure	110	...	...	3.1	12.5
20	16	Quadrant Grp	17	...	4.0	...	2.6
318	291	Radio Clyde	291	...	...	3.7	22.8
175	132	Ramsdens (H)	173	-1	...	3.3	23.0
502	431	Scot TV	451 †	...	9.9	2.8	-
60	41	Southern Radio	41	...	0.7	2.4	17.1
209	168	Stanley Leisure	198	+1	...	2.6	16.7
9	5½	Sunleigh	8½	...	...	...	...
145	135	Sunset & Vine	138	...	3.5	3.2	16.1
29	29	TSW	29 #	...	...	23.8	0.9
420	383	Tanjong	430	...	...	0.6	-
221	150	Thames TV	195	...	2.5	1.6	-
2½	1	Ticketing	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenhm Hot	89	...	...	...	2.9
78	44	Trans World	67	+1	...	1.5	24.4
373	274	Ulster TV	373	...	10.0	3.4	11.3
22	12½	Wembley	15½	...	0.2	1.6	...
31	7½	Whitegate	24	...	...	...	...
175	110	Yorkshire TV	171	...	12.0	8.8	5.2
108	83	Zetters Gp	107	+1	8.0	9.3	10.8

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3575	1800	Am Gold	3575	+134½	...	5.6	18.0
1325	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1250	-6½	...	7.4	5.9
1800	1125	Ang Am	1800	+37½	...	3.9	12.4
18½	8½	Anglo Pac Res	16½	...	...	...	...
101½	33	Blyvoors	101½	+6	...	6.0	5.6
30½	18	Bracken	30½	+3	...	...	1.6
619	233	Buffels	619	+54	...	6.4	15.3
2	1½	Bume	1½	...	...	...	...
684	546	CRA	629	+28	...	3.3	-
22	11	Cluff Res	19½	-½	...	...	...
1150	762½	De Beers	1112½	...	...	4.3	-
68½	37½	Deelkraal	68½	+3	...	8.8	3.7
30½	7	Doornfontein	30½	+3	...	...	...
615	388	Driefontein	615	+42	...	5.4	11.2
310	120	Durban	310	+8	...	...	...
96	47	E Rand Gold	94	+4	...	12.7	-
130	62	E Dagga	130	+6	...	...	10.8
214	54	E Rand Prop	214	+15	...	...	...
281	117	Elandsrand	220	-1	...	4.5	6.3
639	292	FS Cons	639	+30	...	8.0	-
25	8	FS Dev	16	...	...	...	...
1319	725	GFSA	1319	+94	...	3.1	20.7
168	125	Gencor	168	+8	...	6.0	12.8
52½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	52½	+2½	...	2.6	12.9
19½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	15½	+1	...	...	...
118	49	Grootvlei	113	...	...	9.2	6.7
267	78	Harmony	267	+6	...	...	...
286	87	Hartbes	286	+28	...	...	11.1
14	8½	Inoco	9½	...	...	...	...
783	491	Impala Plat	778	+62	...	...	17.5
13½	6	Kenmare Res	11½	...	...	...	...
706	332	Kinross	706	+14	...	7.2	7.7
671	319	Kloof	671	+62	...	2.7	11.3
72	25	Leslie	71½	-½	...	5.9	7.0
60	13	Loraine	60	+1	...	...	...
116½	94½	MIM	94½	-3½	...	3.4	43.1
995	820	Minorco	980	+5	...	3.8	11.6
123½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	114½	-5	...	4.3	-
1662½	610	Orange Free	1662½	+112½	...	7.5	14.8
709	628	RTZ	647	...	19.5	4.0	28.3
550	425	Rand Mines	500	...	...	11.8	2.3
133	85	Rand Mln Prp	127	...	...	13.3	6.1
448	150	Randfontein	448	+58	...	3.8	6.8
163	115	Renison	150	...	...	3.0	14.6
1075	850	Rustnbrg	1003	+25	...	4.6	15.6
464	191	St Helena	464	+33	...	5.2	9.5
1214	475	Southvaal	1214	+148	...	4.8	20.9
70	18	Sulifontein	70	+6½	...	9.2	11.9
157	58	Unisel	133	-1	...	2.3	12.9
3787½	1800	Vaal Reefs	3787½	+287½	...	5.8	6.5
433	154	Welkom	433	+27	...	7.5	13.4
111	26	Western Areas	111	+9	...	...	...
1600	587½	Western Deep	1600	+184½	...	6.0	7.3
247	176	Wstrn Mining	231	...	...	...	...
762	323	Winkels	762	+78	...	1.3	6.2
84	56	Zambia Copper	64	...	...	...	...
34	18	Zandpan	33	...	...	...	10.4

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
238	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
125	95	Airflow Stream	117	...	0.1	0.1	17.6
116	82	Appleyard	115	...	5.2	5.7	...
280	203	Bletchley Mtr	280	...	8.8	4.0	-
147	120	Bostrom	142 †	...	6.0	5.3	-
324	165	Br Aerospace	313	-5	7.0	2.8	...
328	303	Caffyns	308	...	11.5	4.7	40.4
9½	4½	Caverdale	9	...	...	...	...
130	98	Central Mtr	127	...	...	3.0	32.3
26	16	Cook (DC)	20	...	...	...	...
230	156	Cowie (T)	228	-2	6.2	3.4	17.4
110	86	Dag Motors	105 †	...	5.7	6.8	-
147	106	Dampnt Vern	147	...	4.0	3.4	18.1
264	155	ERF	200	+1	4.0	...	...
117	92	European Mtr	107	...	...	1.8	...
292	208	Evans Halshaw	272	...	11.2	5.2	41.9
290	226	FR Group	272	...	7.2	3.4	-
3606½	2843½	Ford Motor	3456½	+112½	...	...	...
2875	2143½	General Mtr	2687½	+125	...	1.9	...
51	38	Gowrings	50 †	...	2.0	5.0	-
125	85	Henlys	125	...	3.0	3.0	...
875	650	Honda Motor	819	+6	...	0.7	...
26	15	Jacks (Wm)	23	...	...	...	...
95	66	Jessups	95	...	4.5	5.9	...
136	97	Kwik-Fit	130	-2	3.3	3.2	-
344	281	Lex Service	340	-1	10.6	3.9	-
117	85	Lookers	117	+1	6.2	6.6	...
152	126	Lucas	134 †	...	7.0	6.5	...
274½	224½	Pendragon	260	...	...	3.2	21.0
126	106	Perry Gp	165	...	6.0	4.6	-
153	108	Quicks Group	148	...	4.5	3.8	-
139	99	Rolls-Royce	129	-4	5.0	4.8	...
148	125	Vardy (Reg)	138	+1	4.0	3.6	21.3
183	121	Westland	183	...	4.2	2.9	16.2

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	103	Adscene	133	...	4.0	3.8	14.2
330	325	Black (A&C)	325	...	13.5	5.3	-
608	488	Blenheim Gp	535	+15	...	2.1	19.8
330	275	Bristol	330	+20	11.5	4.4	24.5
9200	7775	Daily Mail	9100	...	13.0	1.8	20.5
9150	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9075	...	13.0	1.8	20.4
305	251	Dorling Kind	253 †	...	...	1.5	24.2
373	328	EMAP	373	...	...	2.5	24.3
983	873	Euromoney Pb	935	...	29.5	3.9	21.1
237	170	Harrington X	219	...	4.5	2.6	17.7
358	233	Haynes Pub	308	...	6.0	2.4	13.2
283	226	Headline	283	...	4.5	2.0	-
140	105	Home Counts	129 †	...	6.0	5.8	-
7½	3	Intl Bus Comm	7½	...	...	...	...
8	6½	Int Cm & Data	7½	...	...	...	...
520	400	Independent	510 †	...	...	4.2	-
536	395	Johnstone Press	536	...	6.2	1.5	23.2
288	243	Metal Bulletin	276	...	8.0	3.6	19.5
143	88	Mirror Gp	139	...	...	...	-
373	297	News Corp	342	-1	...	0.3	23.0
240	169	News Intl	222	-11	...	0.6	15.4
437	354	Pearson	429	+1	...	3.5	20.1
668	510	Portsmth Sund	658	...	8.6	1.6	16.9
666	618	Reed Intl	637	-6	...	3.3	27.8
152	98	Southnews	145	...	...	1.3	42.7
130	90	Sterling Pubs	117	+1	...	2.7	38.6
370	328	Telegraph	365	...	11.0	3.8	-
825	715	Thomson Corp	775	+10	25.4	4.1	-
347	313	Trinity Intl	345	...	8.7	3.2	20.7
38	34	Unit Group	34	...	...	...	...
610	494	Utd Nwspprs	599	-4	...	4.5	14.9

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18½	6½	Aberdeen Pete	16½	...	...	...	...
29½	17	Aran Energy	27	+1	...	...	...
52	40	Arcon Intl	47	...	...	...	...
61	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	57	...	...	...	...
63	36	Aviva Pet	49	...	...	...	...
14	9	Beverley	10	...	0.6	...	...
183	145	Br Borneo	148	-1	7.1	6.0	4.5
326	276	British Gas	302	-2	14.2	6.0	14.2
312½	225	Br Petroleum	285½	+4	10.5	4.6	45.0
1½	1	Bula Resources	1	...	...	...	...
757	675	Burmah Castl	730 †	+5	...	4.3	17.8
58	32	Cairn Energy	58	+1	...	...	8.3
268	223	Calor Gp	255	...	12.0	6.0	-
60½	22½	Clyde Pet	48	...	...	...	...
35	27	Copiex Res	27	...	...	...	...
14½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	14½	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	475	-4	16.0	4.2	58.6
88	55	Exp Co Louis	67	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	32 †	-½	...	1.7	12.2
67	45	Goal Pet	52	...	1.4	3.4	9.9
31	18	Gt Western Res	26	...	...	...	...
155	108	Hardy O & G	153	...	1.0	0.8	48.0
34	18½	Kelt Energy	32	-½	...	...	...
195	141	LASMO	151 †	+3	3.3	2.7	30.6
103	63	-do- Units	80	...	9.4	14.8	...
23	14½	Mid Scot Res	20	...	...	...	...
46½	34	Monument	45½	...	...	...	...
9½	6	New London	6½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	31	...	1.0	4.0	10.7
35	27	Oil Search	34	...	...	...	...
14½	12	Petrel	13	...	...	...	...
110	90	Pict Pet	104	...	...	...	14.4
30½	19	Premier	28½	+½	...	...	10.1
115	90	Presidio	115	...	...	5.0	...
368	290	Ranger	290	-5	...	5.5	...
6000	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	5700	+21½	...	5.7	13.3
4262½	3087	Schlumberger	4112½	...	...	1.8	...
67	47	Seafield	58	...	...	...	...
605	515	Shell	550½	-3½	21.9	5.0	16.9

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
203	191	Sunrise Eng Sv	192	...	...	...	...
10½	4½	Teredo	5½	...	...	...	3.6
41	25	Tricon Europe	25	...	...	...	5.7
11	6½	Villiers Grp	10½	...	...	...	...
172	143½	Woodside	157	...	...	2.3	...

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
308	249	API	308	...	7.5	3.0	26.8
194	144	Arjo Wiggins	193	-1	...	4.2	19.1
520	408	Abbott Mead	409	...	9.3	2.3	-
1½	½	Acsis Group	1½	...	...	...	...
29½	13	Aegis Gp	29½	+5½	1.3	5.8	...
212	155	Aspen Comm	187 †	...	...	3.3	-
12	7	BBB Design	12	...	...	...	...
335	234½	Bemrose	331	-4	...	4.4	...
33	16	Birkdale	18	...	0.2	1.4	15.2
138	118	Bunzl	131	-2	4.0	3.8	-
287	259	CIA Gp	264	...	...	2.1	16.7
284	116	Capital Inds	253	...	4.0	2.0	-
54	44	Clty of Lon	50	...	...	8.5	10.5
214	169	Cropper (James)	214	...	3.0	1.8	24.4
6	6	Crown Comm	6 #	...	...	...	...
73	51	Delyn Pckging	65	...	1.4	2.8	12.9
117	94	Dolphin Pack	104 †	...	4.5	5.4	-
53	42	Dudley Jenkins	50	...	...	...	12.9
14½	12½	Elswick	13½	...	0.2	...	12.1
58	41	Fairway Group	56	...	...	7.0	16.5
296	271	Ferguson Intl	291	-2	12.5	5.4	16.8
105	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	7.5	8.9	-
107	74	Filofax	100	...	...	0.5	25.0
20	14	Finch	17	-½	...	...	...
100	69	Gibbon Lyons	100	+6	...	0.3	19.6
295	247	Gold Greenless	275	...	...	3.8	22.3
41	20	Goodhead	26	...	0.5	2.4	...
81	43	Hunterprint	65	...	...	...	...
175	136	Intereurope	175	+12	7.4	5.3	11.5
228	191	Jarvis Porter	228	...	4.4	2.4	24.9
29	15½	Lopex	26	...	...	...	...
274	175	More O'Ferrall	272	+4	13.2	6.1	-
85	48	NMC Group	81	-1	1.2	...	10.0
103	66	Osborne & Little	100	...	4.3	5.4	12.8
234	167	Quarto	234	...	5.3	2.7	-
347	319	St Ives Gp	329	...	5.2	2.0	22.3
198	152	Saatchi	175	...	...	...	...
472	333	Sappi	417	+35	...	8.8	-
19½	11½	Serif	15	...	...	...	...
28½	14	Shandwick	20½	...	...	...	...
338	294	Smith David	338	...	9.5	3.5	14.9
295	244	Smurfit (Jeff)	244	-5	...	0.6	8.4
243	183	Sun-Plus	243 †	...	8.0	4.1	-
23½	16½	Taylor Nelson	23½	...	0.3	1.6	...
53	38	VTR	51	...	...	8.5	14.2
74	40	WPP	72	-1	...	1.7	...
125	62	Wace	124	...	2.2	2.3	-
221	203	Waddington (J)	214	...	7.9	4.6	16.2
658	540	Watmough	658	+1	11.5	2.2	25.8
6½	4½	Westport	6	...	...	...	21.5
20	12	Whitney Mck	20	...	...	...	...
74	55	Wood (SW)	71	...	0.2	0.4	...

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	41	Allied Lon	62 †	...	3.5	7.1	53.5
61	58	Arcadian	60	...	...	...	...
73	54	Asda	70	+1	2.1	3.8	-
139	88	Avonside	125	...	4.0	4.0	-
2677½	2062½	BCE	2225	+12½	...	...	...
535	396	Bilton	509 †	-5	18.9	4.6	18.4
26	23	Bourne End	25	...	1.0	5.3	...
178	150	Bradford	177	...	4.4	3.1	16.1
17	12	Bredero	18	...	...	...	1.7
277	176	Br Land	246	-3	6.3	3.2	22.7
178	153	Brixton	177	...	8.3	6.1	-
57	45	Burford	56	...	1.1	2.6	-
145	99	Cap & Regnla	145	+1	...	1.0	-
125	120	Cardiff Prop	125	...	2.4	2.4	...
260	196	Chesterfield	254	...	18.5	...	17.9
32	12	City Site Ests	30	...	1.4	...	...
19	12	Clarke Nickolls	15	...	0.3	...	3.9
14	10	Clayform	12	...	...	...	...
1073	818	Daejan	1073	+8	25.0	2.9	16.8
3	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
88	53	Debenhm Twsn	70	...	2.5	4.5	25.4
12	4	De Morgan	6	...	...	...	...
105	76	Dencora	105	+4	3.0	3.7	...
423	263	Derwent Hldgs	406 †	...	8.6	2.6	50.6
225	170	Estates Agency	200	...	3.0	1.9	18.3
14	7½	Estates Gen	14	...	...	...	...
88	72	Evenbrook	77	...	2.7	4.6	8.2
143	132	Evans Of Leeds	138	...	4.1	3.8	13.2
24	11	Five Oaks	22½	...	...	...	...
53	30	Fletcher King	52	...	1.0	2.4	37.6
405	285	Frogmore	387	...	15.0	4.8	21.8
138	97	Grainger	138	...	5.2	4.8	30.8
170	120	Gt Portland	162	-2	10.0	7.7	16.1
17½	7½	Greycoat	17½	-1½	5.2	...	...
128	101	HK Land	114	+2	...	5.7	-
72	35	Hambro Cntyw	69	...	...	...	...
417	277	Hammerson	331	+1	10.0	3.9	-
382	245	-do- 'A'	301	+2	...	4.2	-
191	127	Helical Bar	191	...	...	3.1	...
26	19	Hemingway	23	...	...	...	...
132	62	Herring Baker	62	...	3.7	7.6	-
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	1.5	1.4	...
539	435	Land Sec	520	-3	21.7	5.2	15.8
91	73	Lon Merch Sec	88	...	3.8	5.4	14.0
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3	...	...	...	...
418	324	MEPC	380	-1	20.0	6.6	15.9
7½	5	McInerney A	7½	+1½	...	...	...
110	90	McKay Secs	104	...	6.7	...	17.1
7½	3	Markheath	4½	...	0.5	...	...
49	12	Merivale Mre	49	+10	1.0	2.6	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
35	30	Moorfield Est	30	...	...	...	...
880	775	Mountview	850	...	18.0	2.7	8.7
139	112	Mucklow (A&J)	136	+1	5.9	5.6	18.7
40	30	Olive Hldgs	31	...	9.0	...	4.7
10½	5½	Oxsory Est	6½	-½	0.1	3.0	1.8
201	138	Peel	175	...	3.0	2.1	...
16	8	Power Corp	12	...	...	...	1.3
123	89	Prop Security	118	...	3.7	4.0	23.5
39	26	Property Trust	27	-1	...	...	...
22	1½	Raglan	2½	-½	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	26½	...	1.5	7.1	5.2
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	110	...	1.3	1.5	23.4
33	16	St Modwen Prp	31	-½	0.6	2.4	23.6
61	39	Savills	58	-1	...	...	...
60	34	Scot Met	56	...	1.5	...	...
74	39	Shaftesbury	74	...	...	...	...
14½	5	Shield	12½	...	...	...	...
36	17	Sinclair Gldsm	35 #	...	...	1.9	...
198	139½	Slough Estates	168	+2	...	6.0	11.8
74	56	Southend Prop	67	-1	4.1	7.8	33.8
16	7	Speyhawk	14	...	...	...	...
27	16	Stanhope Prps	27	...	...	...	...
156	114	Tops Ests	156	...	2.0	1.6	39.6
100	79	Town Centre	90	...	3.1	3.9	18.5
65	43	Trafford Park	59	-1	2.5	5.5	15.9
38	8	UK Land	23	...	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	6½	...	...	...	...
217	180	Warner	215	...	10.5	6.3	19.0
199	168	Warnford	192	...	7.2	4.7	13.3
9	5½	Waterglade	7½	...	...	...	...
49	35	Wates	47	-1	0.7	2.0	...
70	40	Wood John Dv	68	-1	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic	18	...	...	...	...
121	86	Headlam	120 †	...	...	2.7	-
500	330	Lambert	365	...	13.0	4.5	-
100	80	Pittard Garnar	81	...	2.0	3.1	23.1
27	20	Strong & Fisher	27 †	+1	1.0	4.6	7.5
150	89	Stylo	131	...	3.0	2.9	-

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
485	408	Allied Text	469	...	12.6	3.4	14.8
69	54	Beckman (A)	54 †	...	4.7	...	10.7
27	21	Bolton Gp	25	...	...	...	12.7
165	141	Br Mohair	155	...	8.5	6.9	-
153	89	Celestion	144	...	1.4	1.2	...
20	15	Chartwell	20	...	0.4	2.5	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	339	...	7.2	2.7	21.2
601	550	Courtauld Text	551	...	13.6	3.1	15.1
57½	24½	Cupid	36	-1	...	12.3	4.3
248½	221	Dawson	229	-3	9.0	4.9	22.3
30	22	Drummond	24	...	1.5	...	7.7
37½	27	Dunkeld	27	...	...	...	...
72	65	Faupel	68	...	...	9.0	6.7
34	15	Foster (John)	20	...	0.5	3.1	...
90	82	Gaskell	90	+3	4.2	6.5	...
186	156	Hicking Pntsst	172	-1	3.4	2.5	14.6
59	45	Jerome (S)	58	...	...	...	...
358	249	Lamont	326	+2	12.0	4.7	-
425	357½	Leeds	424	...	...	2.2	20.5
45	15	Lister	37	...	0.1	0.3	...
122	81	Lyles (S)	82	...	4.9	7.6	9.1
111	69	Parkland 'A'	110	...	2.0	2.3	...
95½	82	Readicut	95	+½	3.4	4.5	16.8
53	35	SEET	41	...	...	...	...
94	72	Sirdar	84	-1	5.1	7.7	14.8
58	44	Stirling Gp	58	...	1.6	3.6	21.2
51	42	Stoddard	42	...	2.6	7.8	11.2
310	250	Tomkinsons	301	...	11.5	4.8	26.0
62½	32½	West Trust	45	...	...	6.9	...
417	252	Yorklyde	417	...	10.4	3.2	-

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1014½	823	BAT	838	...	...	5.5	18.1
690	584½	Rothmans 'B'	615	+1	10.2	2.1	14.1

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
408	349	Assoc Br Ports	393	+5	8.5	2.7	...
813	738	BAA	749	-3	14.5	2.4	13.2
311	260	Br Airways	279	-3	...	4.7	7.4
81	58	Clarkson (H)	59	...	1.5	3.2	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	422	-2	...	...	...
51	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
138	136	Graig	130	...	4.5	4.4	...
166	147	IoM Steam	163	+2	...	6.1	8.5
33	24	Jacobs (JI)	33	...	0.5	1.9	...
79	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	79	...	1.2	2.0	4.8
2250	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2087½	...	4.5	0.3	11.4
349	280	Mersey Docks	335	...	7.5	2.8	21.5
210	181	Natl Express	186	...	...	4.9	-
284	238	NFC	256 †	...	6.5	3.2	19.4
302	244	Ocean Group	273 †	+3	14.3	6.6	...
53	40	Ocean Wilson	53	...	...	6.3	11.8
627	504	P & O Dfd	564	-4	...	6.8	18.1
137	127	P & O 5 1/2%	136	+4	...	5.1	...
536	448	Powell Duffryn	534	-1	22.6	5.3	21.3
138	117	Seacon	132	+1	...	4.6	8.3
41½	24	TIP Europe	41½	...	1.4	4.2	10.1
49½	31½	TNT	43	-½	...	...	...
765	624	Tibbet & Britn	723 †	...	11.8	2.0	-
382	173	Tiphook	230	-63	17.3	9.4	4.6
298	254	TDG	254	...	9.5	4.7	-

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	460	Anglian Water	488	-6	19.3	4.9	8.9
652	547	Northumbrian	613	-6	20.5	4.2	6.3
533	449	North West	478	-5	19.6	5.1	8.4
533	439	Severn Trent	476	-5	19.3	5.1	6.9
554	454	Sthrn Water	490	-8	19.5	5.0	8.6
1335	1225	Sth Staffs	1320	...	40.2	3.8	8.5
569	467	South West	501	-5	21.7	5.4	7.6
563	468	Thames Water	499	-3	19.2	4.8	9.4
612	506	Welsh Water	551	-1	21.4	4.9	6.4
649	536	Wessex Water	603	-5	...	4.0	8.1
593	506	Yorkshire W	529	-3	19.5	4.6	8.6

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UK Growth Acc	303.90	323.40†	-3.80	2.79
-do- Inc	215.30	229.00†	-2.70	2.79
Higher Inc Acc	556.60	592.20†	-5.10	3.74
-do- Inc	337.90	359.50†	-3.10	3.74
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	172.40	182.00†	-1.50	6.20
-do- Inc	90.35	95.42†	-0.77	6.30
Nth America	234.20	249.20†	+1.60	...
Far East	282.60	300.70†	+1.20	0.15
Europe	215.60	229.40†	+1.40	0.97
General Inc	410.30	436.40†	-4.70	2.42
-do- Acc	450.00	478.80†	-5.10	2.42
Brit Excell	61.71	65.65	-0.75	2.72
Brit Fndmtls Inc	66.00	70.22†	+0.19	4.93
Brit Fndmtls Acc	85.07	90.51†	+0.25	4.93
Global Opps	68.57	72.95	+0.24	...

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Euro Gth Inc	111.20	118.00	+0.50	1.00
Extra Inc	101.70	108.80†	-0.90	5.44
General	233.70	249.90†	-3.20	3.45
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.71	59.63	-0.21	8.69
Income	470.80	503.50	-4.70	4.95

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Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	83.90	89.17	+0.74	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	106.60	114.50	+1.00	...
Convertibles	52.41	56.05†	-0.08	6.90
Eastern	174.50	187.90	-0.50	1.60
Equity Income	79.53	84.60	-0.35	6.30
European Gth	223.30	237.60	+0.60	1.50
Euro Smllr Cos	147.60	158.10	+0.60	1.90
Exempt	80.90	82.99	...	3.60
German Growth	54.37	57.99	+0.10	0.70
Global Growth	103.50	110.30	+0.10	...
Japan Growth	186.70	200	-0.10	...
Japan Sunrise	160.30	171.40	-0.20	...
Portfolio	113.60	121.40	-0.90	3.20
-do- Acc	202.30	216.40	-1.60	3.20
UK Growth	79.01	84.05	-0.52	2.90
UK Smaller Cos	81.28	86.92†	-0.48	1.90
Select Managers	61.41	65.82†	-0.23	2.00

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD
190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA
041 332 3132

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balan Gth Acc	101.92	109.01	-0.84	1.87
-do- Inc	92.66	99.10†	-0.76	1.87
Global Bond	28.66	30.41	-0.13	5.03
High Yield Acc	52.09	55.71	-0.11	4.43
-do- Inc	37.81	40.44†	-0.08	4.43
Smlr Cos Acc	88.64	94.80	-0.13	1.35
-do- Inc	81.97	87.67	-0.12	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	54.86	58.67	-0.06	...
-do- Inc	53.83	57.57	-0.06	...
Euro Gth Acc	97.00	103.75	+0.17	1.07
-do- Inc	95.67	102.33†	+0.17	1.07
Mngd P folio	33.69	36.03†	-0.09	1.46
Pacific Growth	94.80	101.39	-0.38	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	83.69	89.50	+0.14	0.67

BROWN SHIPLEY
9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458144

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Financial	117.90	125.60	-1.30	3.33
Smaller Cos Acc	283.20	303.10	-1.10	...
Smaller Cos Inc	164.70	176.20†	-0.70	1.23
High Inc	69.46	74.67†	-0.52	7.02
Income	123.80	132.40†	-1.00	4.15
Mngd P folio Inc	91.40	97.34	-0.20	2.04
-do- Acc	172.70	184.00	-0.30	...
North American	96.14	102.40	+0.80	0.21
Orient	116.40	125.60	-0.10	...
Recovery	38.64	41.54	-0.15	2.69
German	40.42	43.35	+0.07	0.09
Intl Growth	31.72	33.78	+0.09	0.23
European Inc	21.87	23.54	+0.11	0.48

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7LL. 071 247 4542
Dealing: 071 247 7474

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	60.71	64.59†	-0.11	1.34
-do- Acc	68.44	72.81	-0.13	1.16
Income Fund 5	207.70	221.00	-1.30	4.14
-do- Acc	483.40	514.30†	-3.00	4.02
Inv Portfolio	65.36	67.74	-0.66	2.04
-do- Acc	73.81	76.49	-0.75	2.03
Smaller Cos	124.80	132.80	+0.10	1.57
-do- Acc	150.00	159.60	+0.20	1.88
High Inc P folio	59.49	61.65	-0.06	4.66

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL
071 480 7216

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Sht Gilt Fxd Int	65.58	66.47†	-0.11	6.05

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH
061 837 5060

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Environ	132.80	141.30	-0.80	1.66
UK Growth	143.00	152.20	-2.00	2.14
UK Income	120.20	127.90†	-1.20	4.28

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB
081 902 8876

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
SE Asia	80.90	86.52†	+0.34	1.71
Growth	43.56	46.59	-0.42	3.07
Income	52.78	56.45	-0.34	4.31
Far East	46.66	49.90†	-0.26	0.16
North American	74.65	80.27†	+1.55	0.01
Global	79.49	85.02†	+0.43	0.79
European	67.73	72.44†	+0.49	1.73
Japan	106.40	113.80	-0.30	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	56.38	59.74†	-0.02	5.37
UK Cap Gwth	81.50	83.32†	-0.13	2.21

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF
Enquiries: 061 234 5685
Dealing: 061 236 5362

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	120.10	127.80†	-0.30	0.15
-do- Acc	127.70	135.90	-0.30	0.15
European	64.10	67.94	+0.22	1.05
-do- Acc	66.44	70.42	+0.23	1.05
Far East Gen	60.96	64.80†	-0.01	...
-do- Acc	60.96	64.86	-0.01	...
Glenfriars	235.80	250.90	...	0.98
-do- Acc	265.40	282.40	...	0.98
Growth	372.70	398.70	-1.30	2.65
-do- Acc	637.90	682.30	-2.60	2.65
Income Growth	368.70	392.30	-3.30	4.09
-do- Acc	490.30	521.70	-4.30	4.09
Master Portfolio	9173.0	9469.0†	-54.00	2.79
-do- Acc	10615.0	10994.0	-62.00	2.79
Special Sits	85.68	91.15	+0.44	2.54
-do- Acc	100.26	106.67	+0.53	2.54
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1191.0	1228.0	-10.00	4.55
-do- Acc	1379.0	1422.0	-12.00	4.55

CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU
071 955 5050, Dealing 071 955 5055

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Index	179.50	191.30	-0.20	1.73
Capital	513.60	548.10	-4.50	2.43
Eurotrack 100	125.40	133.50	+0.40	1.55
Euro Gth	78.05	83.08	+0.31	1.40
Far East Growth	86.84	92.67	-0.24	0.14
Global Bond	22.87	24.10	...	6.21
Hong Kong	75.20	80.32†	-0.25	0.56
Income	487.30	520.00†	-2.10	4.01
Intl Growth	70.76	75.50	-0.49	1.01
Japan Growth	258.00	275.30	+1.50	...
Japan Smllr Cos	31.79	33.92	-0.02	...
Japan Index	74.58	79.59	-0.06	0.24
Nth American	397.20	423.90†	-2.20	1.02
S pore Mly Gth	49.72	53.06	+0.59	...
The Footsie Fd	104.50	110.30	-0.30	2.66
Tiger Index	132.30	141.10	+0.80	0.71
Trixie Index	102.90	109.80	-0.40	2.60
UK Index	120.00	128.00	-0.30	3.04

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0708

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American P folio	78.52	83.88	-0.37	1.00
European P folio	70.46	74.91†	-0.53	1.38
Japanese P folio	61.36	66.10	+0.23	...
Pacific P folio	93.71	100.77	+0.07	1.17
Cazenove P folio	68.66	73.44	-0.27	3.00
UK Income Gth	61.03	65.56†	-0.25	5.00
Utility & Bond	48.79	49.40	-0.39	7.00

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Investment Fd	605.20	612.50	...	4.72
Fixed Int	155.75	156.30	...	9.28
Deposit	5.70	...	...	...

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	590.99	597.49	...	5.00
-do- Acc	2331.6	2337.6	...	...
Deposit	5.65	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	127.00	127.01	...	0.13
-do- Acc	167.75	167.79	...	...

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1
071 407 5966

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Fin Assets	62.01	65.27†	...	2.31
Beckman Intl	78.74	83.12†	-2.22	3.19
Friars Hse Inc	179.91	193.45	...	6.02
Friars Hse Cap	247.97	266.63	...	2.73

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR9 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2322
Dealing: 081 686 9818

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Japan Gth Acc	39.86	42.40	-0.12	...
Smaller Cos	34.29	36.48	-0.69	1.94
-do- Acc	38.64	41.10	+0.78	1.94
UK General	66.28	70.51	-0.85	2.52
-do- Acc	79.47	84.54	-1.01	2.52
Wwide Bd	60.90	64.72†	-0.06	6.24
-do- Acc	78.27	83.17	-0.06	6.24
Wwide Sp Sits	54.18	57.95	-0.16	0.20
-do- Acc	56.45	60.37	-0.16	0.20
Quilter General	117.39	124.88†	-1.73	2.51
-do- Acc	130.43	138.76	-1.93	2.51
Quilter Income	91.85	97.71†	-0.71	3.88
-do- Acc	113.21	120.44	-0.87	3.88
Quilter Intl	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Quilter UK Spec	70.13	74.61	-0.11	1.77
-do- Acc	92.77	98.69	-0.14	1.77
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	91.77	91.77†	+0.02	5.49
-do- Acc	91.77	91.77†	+0.02	5.49
Fin Property	106.81	113.63	-0.45	1.40
Fixed Conv	41.18	43.81	+0.05	7.31
-do- Acc	107.62	114.49	+0.14	7.31
Equity Inc	141.12	150.13	-1.60	3.56
-do- Acc	452.99	481.90	-5.11	3.56
High Yield	116.26	123.68†	-1.10	4.69
-do- Acc	439.03	467.05	-4.14	4.69
Preference	47.03	50.03†	+0.01	7.33
-do- Acc	241.44	256.85	+0.04	7.33
PPT Europe	146.25	155.59†	...	0.98
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	47.24	50.25†	-0.31	8.01
PPT Global Bnd	79.87	84.84†	+0.02	5.93
PPT Gold Com	51.35	54.63†	+0.17	...
PPT Oriental Gth	53.96	57.40†	-0.12	0.55
PPT Far East Gth	102.74	109.30†	+0.13	0.27
PPT Managed	60.23	64.08	-0.47	2.81
-do- Acc	72.74	77.38	-0.57	2.81
PPT Japan	111.33	118.44†	-0.35	...
PPT N Amer	139.33	148.22†	-0.36	0.13
PPT UK Gth	112.19	119.35	-1.46	1.96

EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ
0242 577 555

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Oriental Op Acc	76.63	81.52	+0.08	0.97
Japanese Acc	58.95	62.71	+0.17	...
UK Balncd Inc	123.90	131.80	-1.70	2.55
-do- Acc	144.70	153.90	-1.90	2.55
UK Growth Acc	203.40	216.40	-2.20	2.23
UK High Inc	133.00	141.50	-1.30	6.72
-do- Acc	157.00	167.00	-1.70	6.72
N America Acc	103.60	110.20	+1.00	0.35
European Acc	149.50	159.00	+0.70	0.44
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.84	63.48	-0.42	8.90
-do- Acc	96.57	102.50	-0.60	8.90
Intl Sp Sits Acc	45.71	48.63	-0.18	0.23
Environmntl Opp	70.63	75.14†	-0.61	1.48

EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Dominion House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	104.20	110.70	+0.30	0.45
UK Smlr Cos	192.00	204.00	-0.10	1.23
Eurofund	36.76	38.90	+0.22	1.03
Mngd Exempt	163.30	170.20†	-0.10	3.08
Growth Inc	207.30	220.30	-0.40	3.86
High Dist	137.50	146.10	-0.30	5.30
International	311.00	330.40	-1.00	0.98
Intl Income	77.75	83.00†	+0.07	3.13
Pacific	55.30	58.78	-0.21	0.51
Smllr Jap Cos	64.10	68.11	-0.07	...
Tokyo	196.10	208.40	-0.10	...
Japan Exempt	110.70	113.70	+2.10	0.44
Sm Jap Exempt	531.90	546.50	-1.60	0.09

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Formerly Target				
American Eagle	114.50	121.60	...	1.15
Australia	6.850	7.278	-0.078	1.10
Equity	181.70	193.10	-0.60	3.63
Euro Spec Sits	139.20	147.30	+1.20	0.58
Financial	38.31	40.92	-0.03	2.96
Global Opps Inc	85.37	90.71	-0.01	2.22
-do- Acc	88.49	94.02	-0.01	2.22
Gold Gen Inc	43.03	45.72	+0.52	0.94
-do- Acc	82.59	87.75†	+0.48	0.94
Income	118.40	125.80	-0.50	3.90
Japan General	151.00	160.40	-0.20	...
Preference	21.25	22.58†	-0.06	8.04
UK Capital	101.50	107.80	-0.40	3.13
Worldwide Cap	190.60	202.50	-0.30	3.18
World Income	80.07	85.07	-0.28	3.56

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7281

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Endurance	168.70	179.40	-2.20	1.11

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW
0296 431480

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pelican	101.41	106.75†	-0.54	3.45
High Income	119.80	126.10	-0.42	4.84
Tst of Inv Tsts	140.21	147.59	-0.34	2.20
Special Sits	83.00	87.37	-0.52	2.88
North American	97.38	102.51	-0.36	1.09
Far Eastern	229.00	241.05	+0.03	1.50
Intl Growth	89.62	94.34	-0.45	1.51
European	61.94	65.20	-0.20	2.22
Smaller Cos	69.65	73.32	-0.04	2.22

FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE
0273 220 787

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
United Charities	218.10	231.90†	..	3.47

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.50
European Tst	114.00	121.30	+0.30	...
High Income	24.45	25.73†	-0.18	5.82

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	89.27	94.49	-0.03	0.84
Far Eastern	131.10	140.20	-0.30	...
Overseas Income	85.45	91.96	-0.04	2.98
UK Growth	91.22	97.56	-0.84	1.16
UK Income	100.80	107.80	-0.90	3.68
US Smaller Cos	222.30	237.80	+1.00	...

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT
071 374 4100

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Am Smllr Co	388.60	415.50	+0.70	...
-do- Acc	397.00	424.50	+0.90	...
Capital	285.70	303.90	-0.10	1.93
-do- Acc	397.80	423.10	-0.30	1.93
Contl Smllr Cos	46.98	50.70	+0.33	0.92
-do- Acc	48.61	52.46	+0.34	0.92
Convertible	111.70	118.80	-0.40	6.56
-do- Acc	206.80	219.90	-0.80	6.56
European	94.67	101.20	+0.40	0.90
-do- Acc	97.83	104.60	+0.50	0.90
Extra Income	287.50	305.60	-1.00	4.15
-do- Acc	402.30	427.90	-1.50	4.15
Financial	100.40	107.80†	+0.30	0.59
-do- Acc	105.20	112.90†	+0.20	0.59
Health Fund Inc	104.20	111.30	+0.70	...
-do- Acc	104.20	111.30	-0.70	...
Income Tst	176.50	187.70	-1.00	3.70
-do- Acc	246.00	261.60	-1.40	3.70
Intl Growth	293.30	313.20	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	325.70	347.80	+0.40	...
Japan Gen	165.40	176.90	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	167.10	178.60	-0.10	...
Mngd P folio Inc	87.89	92.51†	-0.21	1.04
-do- Acc	92.14	96.98†	-0.22	1.04
Monthly Income	147.70	157.10†	+0.10	4.11
Recovery	277.50	296.70	-0.70	0.71
-do- Acc	325.00	347.50	-0.80	0.71
Gilt Gth Tst	59.46	61.31†	-0.80	6.49
-do- Acc	76.78	79.18†	-1.04	6.49

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH
Dealing: 0722 411411
Administration: 0722 411622

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	339.74	361.43	-5.26	2.95
-do- Acc	685.97	729.76	-10.62	2.95
Euro Gth Dist	102.91	109.48	+0.59	0.86
-do- Acc	105.98	112.74	+0.59	0.86
Fixed Int Dist	128.45	135.87†	-1.17	6.44
-do- Acc	215.79	228.25†	-1.98	6.44
Intl Gth Dist	73.77	78.48	+0.07	0.80
-do- Acc	76.31	81.18	+0.07	0.80
Nth Amer Dist	156.95	166.28	-0.67	0.92
-do- Acc	170.21	180.33	+0.73	0.92
Pac Basin Dist	234.29	249.25	+0.78	0.28
-do- Acc	238.00	253.19	+0.81	0.28
Stewardship Dist	296.38	315.30	-2.29	1.91
-do- Acc	350.65	373.03	-2.71	1.91
Stwd Inc Dist	62.49	66.48	-0.13	3.49
-do- Acc	76.56	81.45	-0.16	3.49
N Am Stwd Dist	89.46	95.17	+0.93	...
-do- Acc	94.63	100.67	+0.98	...

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567. Dealing 071 626 9431

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Am Sp Sits	128.30	137.30†	+0.60	...
European	389.60	414.80	...	1.02
Far East General	214.30	229.20	+0.30	0.31
Germany	95.37	100.90	-0.10	0.45
Global Assets In	65.66	70.06	-0.10	2.31
Global Assets Ac	68.80	73.41	-0.11	2.28
Income Inc	116.10	124.20	...	7.08
International	251.40	268.70	-0.50	1.04
Intl Income	75.79	80.63	-0.09	4.94
Japan General	347.10	368.80†	-0.30	...
Smllr Cos Div	46.33	49.56	-0.09	6.13
UK Capital Inc	158.20	169.20	-1.70	3.94
-do- Acc	270.60	289.50	-2.90	3.87
Uk Spec Sits	71.48	76.45	-0.45	1.67
US General	106.70	113.60	+0.50	0.12
W wide Spec Sits	111.20	118.80	-0.60	0.11

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212
Dealing 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	42.90	45.88	-0.51	1.68
Cash Trust*	128.12	128.32	+0.02	5.38
Fnacl Inv Inc	99.98	107.22†	-0.46	4.07
-do- Acc	214.64	230.18†	-0.98	4.07
UK Smaller Cos	96.56	103.55	-0.19	1.23
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.84	26.57†	+0.01	7.98
High Inc	31.17	33.34	+0.06	5.01
UK Equity Inc	124.99	133.68	-1.28	3.97
Global Bond	28.44	29.48†	-0.02	5.87
International Funds				
Gold Intl	72.92	78.20	+0.08	1.25
Frontier Markets	39.43	42.28†	+0.74	0.43
Global Inc Gth	113.61	121.21†	-0.15	2.27
UK Intl	108.13	115.65	+0.13	0.56
Overseas Funds				
American	119.13	126.96	-0.12	0.51
European	78.93	83.69	+0.11	0.69
Euro Sel Opps	91.20	97.24	+0.19	0.85
American Emerg	72.19	77.42	+1.02	...
Hong Kong	108.64	116.50	+0.20	1.99
Japan	209.69	223.18	-0.90	...
Pacific Growth	145.40	155.93	+0.01	0.45

COVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979
Dealing: 071 588 8526

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	120.01	128.36	+0.19	0.37
American Gth	110.70	118.39	+1.38	...
European Gth	65.57	70.02	-0.03	0.42
German Horizn	...	...	...	...
Japan Gth	74.74	79.93	+0.16	...
Pacific Inc	133.53	142.81	+0.39	2.85
Pacific Strategy	112.63	120.68	+0.46	0.25
UK Prog Inc	71.77	75.72	-0.59	4.61
Gr British Cos	47.54	50.11	-0.69	2.70
UK Small Cos	44.04	47.11†	-1.09	2.12

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE
071 538 9668

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	130.90	130.90†	...	6.31
Gilt Fixed	118.20	125.40	-1.20	6.57
Growth Equity	279.40	298.40	-4.90	2.12
Guardhill	410.80	438.30	-6.60	2.40
Income Trust	106.40	113.60	-1.50	3.45
International	149.80	160.00†	+0.50	0.37
Japan Trust	119.30	127.40	+0.30	...
Nth American	235.60	251.70†	+1.50	0.49
Pacific	356.00	380.30†	+0.20	...
European	335.20	358.10	+4.10	0.57

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW
0800 838868

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Adv Inc	33.96	36.00	-0.20	1.85
-do- Acc	35.54	37.68	-0.20	1.85
Inc Adv Inc	28.82	30.55†	-0.20	4.20
-do- Acc	29.96	31.76	-0.20	4.20

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227300
Dealing: 0277 690390

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Canadian	70.54	75.57	+0.83	0.94
Equity Income	110.90	118.00	-1.10	3.42
European	128.50	136.00†	-0.40	0.89
Ind Situation	71.88	76.47	-0.04	...
Japanese	137.40	145.80	+0.40	...
North American	93.77	99.49	+1.34	...
Scandinavian	108.00	114.30	+2.10	0.45
Smaller Cos	29.43	31.31	+0.13	2.04

HENDERSON
PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET
Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Smaller	81.87	87.56†	+0.06	...
Asian Enterprise	120.95	130.79	-0.15	0.73
Australian	131.20	140.34†	-0.96	1.27
European	356.75	377.47†	+2.05	1.37
European Inc	67.91	71.81	+0.21	3.12
Euro Sml Co	119.11	127.24	+0.53	0.69
Extra Income	253.30	269.66†	-1.39	4.96
Family of Funds	68.25	72.85	+0.28	1.31
Fixed Interest	54.74	58.54†	-0.26	8.05
Global Resour	91.41	98.12	+0.36	0.87
High Inc	278.43	297.63†	-1.20	4.22
Income Gth	232.67	247.78	-1.91	3.38
-do- Acc	585.50	623.55	-4.79	3.38
International	219.69	234.06†	-0.03	0.85
Japan Spc Sit	225.83	240.31	-0.74	...
Japan	194.67	206.89	-0.23	...
N Amer	205.21	218.41	+0.31	0.22
Pacific Smllr Cos	173.65	186.82†	+0.73	0.38
Pref Gilt	44.97	48.87†	-0.13	8.33
Smaller Cos Div	158.53	172.79†	+0.45	3.98
Special Sits	254.27	272.06	-1.24	2.03
-do- Acc	391.80	419.22	-1.91	2.03
Best of British	53.85	57.68	-0.64	2.36
Spirit of the East	57.21	61.20†	-0.04	0.42

HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British	85.51	91.45	-0.99	2.48
Capital	150.00	160.40	-2.90	2.04
Dollar	283.90	303.60	+0.80	0.08
European	187.70	200.70	+0.60	0.60
Far East	222.90	238.30	-0.40	0.52
Financial	658.50	704.20†	-4.00	2.54
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.20	26.18	-0.09	8.15
High Yield	98.37	105.20	-0.30	4.79
Income	132.10	141.20	-1.20	3.74
Ind	203.10	217.20	-0.90	0.28
Japan Tech	66.92	71.57	-0.15	...
Nat Resources	54.96	58.78	+0.23	0.73
Security	288.50	308.50†	-2.60	2.18
Smaller Cos	106.60	114.00†	-0.10	1.53
Special Sits	132.80	142.00†	-3.20	2.00
US Smaller Cos	58.12	62.16	+0.65	...

IBT FUND MANAGERS
34 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN
071 489 8673

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Brit O seas	234.90	247.30	-0.80	1.47
Capital Gwth	100.20	105.50	..	2.51
Inv Trusts	...	...	...	...

INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR
071 626 3434. Dealing 0800 010733

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	23.74	26.05	+0.11	1.59
Special Features	26.14	27.77	-0.31	1.47
-do- Acc	30.87	32.79†	-0.37	1.47
General Funds				
UK Growth	51.29	54.91	-0.66	1.96
Assets Earnings	68.41	72.68	-0.71	1.89
do Acc	80.39	85.41	-0.84	1.89
Managed Invest	83.06	88.74	-0.38	1.23
Rupert Children	72.70	77.52†	-0.94	1.70
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.45	50.45	+0.01	4.43
Extra Inc	77.22	82.68	-0.48	4.58
Gilt	27.45	28.89	-0.32	6.68
Income Gth	37.50	40.09†	-0.25	3.59
MIMstar	74.18	75.94†	-0.35	7.99
Preference	17.69	19.37	...	6.16
UK Income	298.20	318.60†	-2.50	3.11
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	53.91	57.27	-0.21	1.34
Property Shares	59.12	62.81†	-0.29	2.13
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	140.50	147.20	-1.30	3.57
European Acc	106.10	112.40	+0.20	1.80
European Dist	101.00	107.00	+0.20	1.80
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	45.89	48.80†	-0.09	1.06
European Perf	104.60	111.00	-0.20	1.09
-do- Acc	106.50	113.10	-0.10	1.09
Euro Small Cos	20.48	21.80	+0.05	0.74
French Growth	65.24	69.41	+0.15	0.41
-do- Acc	69.69	74.15	+0.16	0.41
Hong K/China	66.55	71.51	+0.37	1.72
Intl Growth	48.46	51.48	-0.13	0.77
-do- Acc	48.46	51.48	-0.13	0.77
Japan Perf	33.57	35.66	-0.03	...
Accum Units	33.57	35.66	-0.03	...
Japan Smllr Cos	33.81	35.95	-0.08	...
Singapore Asean	73.77	80.02	+0.57	0.41
-do- Acc	74.22	80.51	+0.57	0.41
South East Asia	215.80	233.00†	...	1.04
US Smllr Cos	96.40	102.40	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	97.43	103.50	+0.10	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	80.19	85.44	-0.24	2.60
Intl Bond	55.35	56.11	-0.26	6.40

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3
071 956 6600. Dealing 071 956 7354

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.19	69.53†	...	5.12
Extra Income	49.95	53.14†	-0.06	6.89
Gilt Yield	116.80	123.30†	-0.70	7.47
Global Income	189.70	201.80	-0.64	4.34
High Yield	128.30	136.50†	...	6.06
Smllr Cos Div	44.45	47.29	-1.79	4.61
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	82.75	88.03	-0.80	...
North American	69.39	73.82	-0.40	0.43
European	126.60	134.70	+0.90	0.87
Euro Special	76.20	81.06	+0.21	0.95
General	254.80	271.10	-0.90	3.29
Japan	388.50	413.30†	-0.50	...
Japanese Special	204.70	217.80†	-2.50	...
Master Acc	206.30	219.50	-0.60	1.41
Pacific	250.80	266.80†	-0.40	0.60
Smaller Cos	95.71	101.80	+0.08	2.06
UK Equity Gth	34.60	36.81	+0.02	1.77

LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB
031 558 5151

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	70.96	75.49	+0.11	0.89
Extra Income	23.19	24.67†	-0.36	3.34
Far East	25.47	27.10†	+0.06	0.97
Income Gwth	70.15	74.63	-1.15	2.98
Intl Growth	49.31	52.46†	-0.23	0.77
Japan	61.66	65.60	+0.17	...
Maximum Dist*	99.22	101.20†	-0.10	6.73
N Amer Equity	36.18	38.49	+0.23	0.50
UK Equity	83.58	88.92†	-1.37	2.99

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Gth Inc	52.08	55.41	-0.45	4.51

LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex
Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing 0277 690345

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	410.00	436.20	-4.80	2.97
Equity Acc	778.30	828.00	-9.10	2.97
Equity Income	89.12	94.81	-0.73	5.21
European	92.34	98.23	+0.88	1.74
Far Eastern	174.50	185.00	+0.60	0.31
Fixed Interest	50.82	54.06†	-0.15	6.46
Gilt	88.69	94.05†	-0.73	6.54
Global Growth	62.97	66.99	+0.34	0.78
Intl Bond	54.04	57.49	-0.03	4.94
Japanese	66.97	71.24	+0.10	...
Overseas Equity	91.22	97.04	+0.56	0.81
Pacific Gth	81.73	86.95†	+0.37	1.29

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF
0634 834313

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	305.60	325.20	-5.00	2.88
-do- Acc	661.80	704.10	-10.90	2.88
Contl Euro Gth	48.88	51.46	+0.21	1.55
-do- Acc	51.69	54.42	+0.23	1.55
Extra Inc	234.60	249.60	-0.60	3.80
-do- Acc	570.60	607.10	-1.90	3.80
German Gth	97.31	102.50	...	0.35
-do- Acc	102.10	107.50	...	0.35
Growth Port	473.70	504.00	-3.80	1.41
-do- Acc	473.70	504.00	-3.80	1.41
Income	432.00	459.60†	-5.50	3.60
-do- Acc	1108.0	1179.0	-15.00	3.60
Income Port	476.90	506.70†	-3.50	4.17
-do- Acc	481.50	511.60	-3.50	4.17
Japan Growth	90.09	95.85	-0.33	0.01
-do- Acc	90.41	96.19	+0.34	0.01
Master Trust	50.18	53.39	-0.34	1.58
-do- Acc	54.57	58.06	-0.38	1.58
N American Gen	165.00	175.60	+1.60	0.01
-do- Acc	190.60	202.80	-1.80	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	123.00	131.90	+4.20	0.01
-do- Acc	126.80	134.60	+4.20	0.01
Pacific Basin	193.40	205.80	-0.50	0.58
-do- Acc	204.40	217.50	-0.50	0.58
Small Cos Rec	296.10	311.70†	-10.00	2.21
-do- Acc	383.60	408.90	-13.00	2.21
UK Growth	75.35	80.16	-2.29	2.32
-do- Acc	87.86	93.47	-2.66	2.32
Worldwide Gth	261.10	277.80	-2.40	0.32
-do- Acc	384.70	409.30	-3.60	0.32

LONDON & MANCHESTER
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS
0392 282673

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	75.27	80.76	-1.14	3.10
Income	58.26	62.51†	-0.65	5.90
International	54.22	58.18	-0.05	0.80
American	55.06	59.08	+0.18	0.40
Japan	51.10	54.83	+0.08	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	53.37	57.26†	-0.34	2.10

M & G SECURITIES LTD
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB
Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gen	360.60	380.70	+1.20	0.84
-do- Acc	445.00	469.80	+1.60	0.84
American Rec	379.30	401.10†	+0.90	0.21
-do- Acc	434.60	459.50	+0.90	0.21
Am Sm Co Acc	107.00	113.10	+0.60	0.04
Australia Acc	145.20	153.60	-0.50	1.31
Capital	638.10	674.80	-4.70	2.66
-do- Acc	704.00	744.60	-5.20	2.66
Commodity Acc	406.70	430.20	+3.60	0.75
Compnd Gth	795.50	841.30	-9.80	2.96
Dividend	34.40	36.40	-0.40	4.26
-do- Acc	133.80	141.60	-1.60	4.26
Equity Inc	287.00	303.50	-1.50	4.87
European Div	57.70	61.00	+0.30	4.40
-do- Acc	65.20	68.90	+0.30	4.40
European Gen	370.90	392.20	+1.70	1.70
-do- Acc	463.30	490.00	+2.20	1.70
Extra Yield	366.10	387.10†	-4.50	4.33
-do- Acc	1090.3	1132.1	-13.00	4.33
Far Eastern	283.70	300.00	+2.70	0.72
-do- Acc	373.20	394.60	+3.50	0.72
Fund of Inv	482.00	509.70	-2.60	2.29
-do- Acc	869.80	919.70	-4.70	2.29
General	51.90	54.90	-0.70	3.64
-do- Acc	136.80	144.70	-1.90	3.64
Gilt Fxd Int	61.50	61.50	-0.30	7.98
do Acc	151.80	151.90	-0.90	7.98
Gold	46.10	48.90	+0.90	1.18
-do- Acc	53.90	57.20	+1.00	1.18
High Inc	24.40	25.80	-0.20	4.60
-do- Acc	90.30	95.60	-0.70	4.60
Intl Growth	65.70	69.60	-0.10	0.92
-do- Acc	113.20	120.00	-0.10	0.92
Intl Inc	88.40	93.50†	+0.20	4.63
Japan Gen Acc	47.40	50.20	...	...
Japan Smllr Cos	139.00	146.90	-0.20	...
Midland	51.30	54.30†	-0.60	3.64
-do- Acc	164.20	173.70	-2.00	3.64
Recovery	35.50	37.50	-0.30	2.79
-do- Acc	55.80	59.00	-0.50	2.79
Second Gen	59.10	62.50	-0.50	3.63
-do- Acc	144.60	152.90	-1.20	3.63
Smaller Cos	57.40	60.70	...	3.29
-do- Acc	108.80	115.00	...	3.29
Trustee	37.40	39.60†	-0.40	3.90
Charibond 3	‡111.41	...	-0.40	9.68
Charifund 2	618.30	624.50	-7.30	5.25
Pension ex 1	839.50	860.50	-12.00	4.30
NAACIF Inc 3	‡45.75	...	...	7.79
-do- Acc 3	‡1079.5	...	-1.20	7.79

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG
0244 680066

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Inv Port Inc	131.10	140.20	-0.78	2.12
-do- Acc	145.60	155.70	-0.78	2.12
UK Income	110.10	117.70	-0.93	2.79
-do- Acc	122.80	131.30	-0.93	2.79

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Emerg Mkts	74.61	79.79	+0.61	0.85
Far East (Pacific)	130.90	138.90	+0.30	0.68
Income Growth	69.52	73.80	-0.87	4.28
European	64.93	68.92	+0.63	1.31
Nth American	53.44	56.73	+0.17	1.17
UK Growth	73.87	78.41	+0.08	1.65
Intl Growth	88.69	94.15†	+0.12	0.59
Charities	107.10	113.60	-1.40	4.10

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Income	65.63	69.67†	-0.54	4.59
Japan	50.66	53.77†	-0.22	0.08

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2060

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	175.00	185.90	+1.00	..
-do- Acc	187.10	198.60	-1.00	...
Cash	100.20	100.20†	...	5.66
-do- Acc	128.90	128.90†	...	5.66
European Gth	184.90	196.00	+0.70	0.81
-do- Acc	197.90	209.70	-0.70	0.81
General	443.60	473.20†	-6.80	2.56
-do- Acc	843.80	900.10†	-13.00	2.56
Global Dist	127.80	134.40†	-0.70	5.43
-do- Acc	143.00	150.30†	-0.90	5.43
Income	134.10	143.10	-1.50	4.76
-do- Acc	196.20	209.30	-2.20	4.76
International	366.00	390.60	-0.50	0.72
-do- Acc	486.20	518.00	-0.70	0.72
Japan	170.60	181.00	+0.90	..
-do- Acc	175.10	185.80	+0.80	...
New Europe	131.80	140.40	...	1.85
-do- Acc	133.70	142.70	...	1.85
Recovery	284.20	303.70	-3.00	2.95
-do- Acc	359.90	383.90	-3.80	2.95
European Inc	71.42	75.82	+0.51	3.21
-do- Acc	90.60	96.18	+0.65	3.21
Brit Blue Chip	69.56	74.11†	-1.21	3.47
-do- Acc	82.04	87.41†	-1.43	3.40
Portfolio	71.22	75.73†	-0.63	3.00
-do- Acc	80.99	86.12†	-0.71	3.00
Gold General	94.11	101.20	+1.51	0.93
-do- Acc	95.41	102.60	+1.60	0.93
Pacific	86.54	92.31	+0.31	0.91
-do- Acc	91.48	97.58	+0.33	0.91
UK Smaller Cos	50.40	53.77†	...	2.10
-do- Acc	56.25	60.00†	...	2.10

MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD
192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD
Dealing: 0742 528 280
Enquiries: 0742 529 076

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Dist	55.40	59.22†	-0.16	3.06
-do- Acc	56.24	60.15	-0.18	3.06
British Dist	73.90	79.04	-0.90	2.07
-do- Acc	83.65	89.47	-1.03	2.07
European Gth	160.90	171.80	+0.10	0.33
-do- Acc	201.90	215.70	+0.20	0.33
Extra High Inc	66.64	71.27†	-0.28	6.36
-do- Acc	117.20	125.30	-0.50	6.36
FT-SE 100 Index	46.55	49.79	-0.59	2.72
-do- Acc	46.55	49.79	-0.59	2.72
Gilt Fixed Int	55.22	57.46	-0.51	6.87
-do- Acc	145.30	151.20	-1.30	6.87
High Yield	212.60	227.40	-2.00	4.63
-do- Acc	488.00	521.90	-4.60	4.63
Income	267.90	286.50	-3.40	3.56
-do- Acc	556.90	595.60	-7.00	3.56
Japan Gth	326.60	349.30	-1.00	...
-do- Acc	344.70	368.70	-1.00	...
Mandarin Acc	92.55	98.98	-0.19	1.22
North American	154.30	165.00	-0.60	0.54
-do- Acc	194.00	207.50	-0.60	0.54

MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT
Dealing: 071 826 0826
Enquiries: 071 826 0123

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	238.40	253.60	+2.50	...
Deposit Inc	100.12	100.12	+0.01	6.99
Deposit Acc	122.08	122.08	+0.01	6.99
Euro Gth Acc	260.00	277.70	+3.50	...
Europa	118.10	127.20	-1.10	...
Intl Gth	160.00	170.80	+0.70	...
Japan Tracker	72.35	76.59	-0.20	...
UK Equity Inc	142.40	153.40†	-1.20	4.28
-do- Acc	174.50	188.00†	-1.40	4.28
UK Ind Tracker	137.30	147.00	-2.10	3.30
US Eq Ind Trkr	178.00	188.70†	+0.50	1.54
-do- Acc	188.70	199.60†	+0.50	1.54
Asian Trader	145.00	157.50†	+0.50	0.50

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Inc	152.90	156.60	-0.60	2.45
European	58.97	60.27	-0.04	0.91
Olympiad	51.04	52.39	-0.08	0.41
Global Bond	46.64	47.16	-0.03	6.63
Smaller Cos	63.57	66.34	-0.09	1.24
Equity Income	89.85	92.27†	-1.28	5.22
UK Growth	80.02	82.33†	-0.96	2.10

NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222
Dealing: 0705 387730

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Inc	43.54	46.44	+0.13	0.87
American Acc	280.80	301.20	-3.30	...
Conscience	62.47	66.67	+0.68	1.06
-do- Acc	67.08	71.59	+0.72	1.06
European	159.70	170.30†	-0.30	1.14
-do- Acc	171.90	183.30	-0.40	1.14
Extra Income	70.94	75.70	-0.14	5.87
-do- Acc	107.20	114.40	-0.20	5.87
Far East Gth	153.50	164	...	0.14
Gilt Fxd Inc	56.97	60.30	-0.35	6.57
Gold	35.70	38.38	+1.13	...
-do- Acc	38.44	41.33	+1.22	...
Income	50.87	54.26	-0.34	5.18
-do- Acc	152.50	163.60	-1.10	5.18
International	27.70	28.72	...	1.14
-do- Acc	39.79	42.69	-0.01	1.14
Jap Sm Cos Acc	301.60	321.70	+0.50	...
S pore Mly Acc	162.70	174.40	+0.70	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.44	26.27	-0.05	2.09
Special Sits	31.24	33.59†	-0.24	1.82
-do- Acc	35.96	38.66	-0.28	1.82
Tokyo	80.57	85.94	-0.19	...
-do- Acc	81.38	86.80	-0.19	...

N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF
061 237 5322

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
N&P UK Growth	65.36	69.54	-0.67	2.59
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	73.56	77.85	-0.85	7.46
N&P Higher Inc	188.80	200.90	-0.80	4.94
N&P UK Income	98.91	105.23	-0.78	4.13
N&P Intl	83.64	88.98†	-0.35	1.99
N&P Smaller Cos	73.82	78.54†	-0.14	1.86

NEWTON FUND MANAGERS
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA
071 407 4404

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	154.80	164.69†	...	2.33
Global	264.80	281.77†	...	1.14
Growth	103.41	110.02†	...	2.55
Income	193.24	205.58†	...	4.40
Intl Bond	122.37	129.81†	...	6.49

PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 508, Peterborough PE2 6BR
0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	134.60	141.60	-1.80	2.55
-do- Acc	233.10	245.30	-3.10	2.55
Income	209.30	222.60†	-2.40	3.63
Intl Equity	211.40	224.80	+0.20	0.99
-do- Acc	231.40	246.10	+0.20	0.99
Equity	210.00	223.30	-3.30	2.42
-do- Acc	425.70	452.80	-6.50	2.42
UK Intl 25 Acc	66.39	70.62	-0.76	1.97
UK Income	58.17	61.88	-0.76	3.09
UK Smllr Co Acc	70.76	75.27	-0.08	1.52
New Europe Acc	58.59	62.33	+0.30	1.43

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames
0491 417000

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Asian Smllr Mkt	86.03	92.02	+0.46	0.22
PEP Gth Inc	94.66	101.25	-0.11	1.11
Intl Gth	451.71	483.12	+0.29	0.76
Income	285.37	305.21†	-1.11	3.52
W wide Recov	286.71	306.65	+0.88	0.58
American Gth	185.67	198.58	+2.80	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	171.89	183.85	+2.83	0.05
Far East Gth	202.34	216.41	-0.32	0.01
European Gth	108.34	115.88	-0.90	1.15
UK Growth	73.56	78.66	-3.39	3.04
High Income	79.57	85.11	-0.61	4.55
Japanese Gth	201.90	214.89	-0.33	0.01

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
International	163.50	173.90†	-0.90	0.91
High Income	105.60	112.40†	-0.00	3.76
Conv Gilt	107.90	114.70	-0.40	6.45
Far East	285.10	303.30†	-0.30	0.40

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	45.89	48.82	+0.22	0.60
Emerging Mkts	96.30	99.89	-3.50	0.24
General	45.59	48.50	-0.59	3.53
International	79.54	84.62	-0.25	1.35
Gilt Units	25.13	25.91	-0.24	8.21
Global PEP	33.37	35.50†	-0.20	2.30
Income Gth	62.49	66.48	-0.58	5.29
European	41.11	43.73†	-0.04	1.21
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.22	26.88†	-0.15	6.20

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL
081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490
Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314
Pricebank: 0426 925091

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pru Mngd Tst**	29.79	31.86	-0.08	1.84
Pru Gth Hvn Inc	101.72	101.72†	+0.02	5.42
-do- Acc	104.80	104.80†	+0.02	5.42
Pru Equity	629.71	673.48†	-6.96	2.51
Pru Equity Inc	78.01	83.43	-0.47	4.61
Pru European	164.78	176.23	-0.06	1.91
Pru Global Gth	75.59	80.84	-0.47	1.59
Pru High Inc	84.17	90.02†	-0.39	5.71
Pru Intl	152.25	162.83	-0.48	1.33
Pru Intl Sm Co	64.14	68.59†	+0.09	0.94
Pru Japanese	190.62	203.87†	-0.23	...
Pru Nth Amer	131.92	141.09	-0.25	0.50
Pru Pacific Mkt	70.85	75.77	-0.15	1.86
Pru Premr Inc	48.18	50.17†	-0.59	7.63
Pru Smllr Cos	80.53	86.12†	-0.09	2.01
Pru Spec Sits	94.36	100.91	-1.00	2.30
Pru UK Growth	105.41	112.73†	-1.12	2.40

** Formerly Holborn Trust

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR
Dealing: 071 634 2981/4

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
NC Income	149.90	160.33	-2.15	3.70
NC Japan	261.02	279.77	+0.83	...
NC Maj UK Cos	89.61	95.44	-1.70	2.50
NC America Inc	440.36	472.52	-3.28	0.91
-do- Acc	511.48	548.93	+3.80	0.91
NC Smlr UK Cos	251.95	274.98†	-0.26	1.54
NC European	243.52	259.00	+1.43	1.35

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB
0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc Gth	68.09	72.43†	+0.37	4.03
Capital Units	137.60	146.30	-1.20	1.44
Commodity	96.16	102.20	+0.90	1.28
European Gth	144.60	153.80	+0.80	1.38
Financial Sec	163.10	173.50	-2.40	1.94
High Return	207.40	220.60	-1.80	4.62
High Yield	199.00	211.70†	-2.00	3.91
Income Units	106.10	112.80	-1.80	4.88
Investment	165.20	175.70†	-0.80	1.14
Japan Gth	143.70	152.80	+0.40	...
Japan Smaller	170.30	181.10†	-0.40	...
Masterfund	44.07	46.88	-0.12	0.96
Scotbits	237.10	252.20	-3.60	1.67
Scotshares	252.10	268.10	-0.40	2.75
Scotyields	215.30	229.00	-3.10	4.04
Select Intl	122.70	130.50†	+0.50	0.76
Smaller Cos	217.80	231.60†	-0.40	4.16
Special Situation	108.90	115.80	-0.40	0.73
UK Equity	216.00	229.70	-2.60	2.92
US Growth	128.30	136.40	+0.80	0.41

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	220.63	235.33	-0.09	0.59
-do- Acc	238.35	254.24	-0.09	0.59
Australian	124.80	133.11	-2.25	0.90
-do- Acc	146.71	156.49	-2.64	0.90
UK Enterprise	203.06	216.58†	-0.16	2.62
-do- Acc	234.56	250.19	-0.19	2.62
European Gth	58.47	62.36†	+0.21	1.31
-do- Acc	60.52	64.56	+0.22	1.31
Euro Smllr Cos	34.77	38.42†	+0.15	0.35
-do- Acc	35.15	38.82	+0.15	0.35
Far Eastern Gth	66.03	70.43	-0.05	...
-do- Acc	67.10	71.57	-0.05	...
Fixed Interest	51.09	53.92†	-0.33	8.80
-do- Acc	62.05	65.47	-0.41	8.80
Gilt Income	100.49	105.91†	-0.76	8.65
-do- Acc	140.35	147.92†	-1.05	8.65
Income	298.96	318.89†	-0.03	4.07
-do- Acc	881.85	940.66	-0.07	4.07
Japan Enterprise	64.35	68.63†	-0.03	...
-do- Acc	64.35	68.63	-0.03	...
Japan Smllr Cos	419.53	447.49†	-2.68	...
-do- Acc	420.37	448.39	-2.68	...
Pacific Gth	87.44	93.26	-0.17	0.46
-do- Acc	90.03	96.03	-0.18	0.46
Smaller Cos	182.80	194.98†	+0.08	1.05
-do- Acc	209.49	223.46	-0.09	1.05
Tokyo	100.80	107.52†	-0.12	...
-do- Acc	101.82	108.61	-0.12	...
UK Equity	199.36	212.65†	-0.44	2.77
-do- Acc	369.20	393.82	-0.81	2.77
US Smllr Cos	121.19	129.26	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	121.19	129.26	+0.10	...
World Fd	67.27	71.75	-0.11	1.70
-do- Acc	70.92	75.65	-0.11	1.70

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ
041 204 2200

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Income	43.03	45.93	-0.34	4.43
Equity Strategy	62.33	66.38	-0.92	1.20
European Opps	69.44	73.95	+0.44	3.22
Maximum Inc	96.61	101.16	+0.01	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	50.12	53.38	+0.11	3.21

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	331.70	354.40	-4.10	2.87
American	226.00	240.00	-0.10	0.97
Pacific	313.30	335.10	-1.50	0.68
European	435.70	466.00	+0.90	1.23
Worldwide	75.54	80.75	-0.37	1.23

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN
041 248 6100

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	292.00	310.70	-4.80	2.65
UK Sm Cos Eqty	198.90	211.60	..	1.90
European	315.80	336.00†	+0.80	2.12
North American	231.00	245.80†	+1.80	0.57
Income Plus Inc	63.32	67.37†	-0.73	3.74
UK Spec Sits	65.26	69.43†	-0.98	2.30

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA
031 558 2341/2/3

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Gth Acc	24.45	26.17†	-0.38	3.07
Intl Growth Acc	27.68	29.63†	+0.02	1.24
Global Inc Acc	30.27	32.40	+0.03	3.86
Markets Ldrs Acc	25.11	26.88	-0.47	2.98

SG TOUCHE REMNANT
Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	75.20	80.42†	-0.16	...
Euro Spec Sits	43.83	46.72†	-0.17	...
-do- Acc	46.40	49.47	+0.18	...
Far East Opps	30.28	32.58	+0.14	...
-do- Acc	31.12	33.47	+0.14	...

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General Growth	[illegible]	102.40	-1.10	2.06
Global Tech	[illegible]	115.40	-0.90	
Income Growth	[illegible]	106.70	-0.90	3.51
Income Monthly	56.94	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.22
Japan Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.13	...
Overseas Gth	71.40	76.10	+0.08	
Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	...	1.62
Special Opps	99.90	107.40	-0.30	2.15
Wld Spec Sits	44.72	[illegible]	+0.04	
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.04	

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4HR 071 626 [illegible]

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	[illegible]		..	7.50
Global Bond	[illegible]			
Japan Samurai	[illegible]			
UK Growth	[illegible]			4.20

STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ
0800 393777

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed	42.34	44.99	-0.30	1.84
Equity Gth Acc	57.27	60.65	-0.50	1.51
UK Eq General	40.51	42.05†	-0.50	2.30
-do- Acc	53.57	56.92	-0.70	2.39
European Acc	39.77	42.25	-0.10	1.20
Far East Acc	52.78	56.09	-0.30	0.31
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.71	31.42†	-0.20	6.75
N American Acc	39.97	42.47	-0.20	0.85
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	260.90	283.10	+1.10	1.55
UK Eq High Inc	34.30	36.45†	-0.30	3.84
-do- Acc	40.73	43.28	-0.30	3.84
UK Lgr Cos Inc	280.30	304.20†	-3.00	3.81
UK Lgr Cos Acc	365.00	396.10	-3.90	3.81

STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global A	N$53.57	N$53.79	.	1.13
US Eq	$2.042	$2.144	..	0.80
Far East Eq	Y244.3	Y250.5	..	9.50
Japan Eq	Y259.2	Y254.1	...	...
FT Europe	108.40	115.10	...	2.30
FT North Am	$1.676	$1.780	...	1.09
FT Japan	Y239.2	Y254.1	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.851	$1.966	...	1.72

STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh
031 226 3271

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	315.50	335.60	+0.70	0.32
British	905.10	957.60	-5.80	4.41
European	361.90	406.70	+3.10	1.46
Japan	135.70	144.10	-0.10	...
New Pacific	279.20	297.30	-4.60	1.32
Mngd Cash	95.64	95.64†	+0.01	4.95
Majority Stlg	99.81	100.81†	+0.01	4.93
Inv Tst	176.90	189.50	+1.40	1.88
Saints PPP	366.90	386.30	...	...

SUN ALLIANCE
Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex
0277 227300
Dealing: 0277 690389

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Acc	700.10	748.90	-7.60	2.83
N America Acc	104.40	111.70	-0.10	0.10
Far East Acc	116.20	124.30	-0.10	...
W wide Bond	58.27	61.86†	-0.32	5.51
European	79.55	85.06	-0.36	0.32
Equity Income	79.66	85.20	-0.63	3.77

SUN LIFE OF CANADA
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ
Dealing: 0256 841414

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	31.90	34.12	+0.05	0.59
Managed Assets	113.96	121.69	-1.23	3.30
UK Income	35.28	37.74	-0.57	3.04
UK Growth	34.99	37.32	-0.57	2.35
Worldwide Gth	29.37	31.42	+0.02	0.49

TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE
0264 346794

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	188.30	200.32	-0.14	0.01
-do- Acc	206.81	220.01	-0.17	0.01
British Gth	81.66	86.87†	-0.50	1.87
-do- Acc	96.08	102.21†	-0.59	1.87
European	90.57	96.35	+0.16	0.84
-do- Acc	95.54	101.64	+0.18	0.84
Extra Inc	180.05	191.54	-1.08	3.66
-do- Acc	287.23	305.56	-1.72	3.66
General Unit	251.60	267.66	-1.35	2.51
-do- Acc	496.46	528.15	-2.67	2.51
Income	315.76	335.91	-2.60	3.43
-do- Acc	643.14	684.19	-5.31	3.43
International	458.89	488.19†	-2.54	0.51
-do- Acc	600.70	639.03†	-3.32	0.51
Pacific	323.26	343.89	+4.45	...
-do- Acc	338.54	360.15	+4.66	...
Premier Income	49.67	51.74†	-0.24	6.63
-do- Acc	103.56	107.87†	-0.51	6.63
Nat Resources	104.17	110.82†	-3.06	0.57
-do- Acc	114.25	121.54†	+3.35	0.57
Selected Opps	93.41	99.37†	-0.33	1.11
-do- Acc	116.94	124.40†	-0.40	1.11

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF
071 493 7262
Dealing: 071 493 8545

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Sml Cos	71.44	76.20	-0.03	.
-do- Acc	73.68	78.59	-0.04	...
Cash	50.40	50.40†	-0.01	6.25
-do- Acc	61.55	61.55†	-0.01	6.25
European Opps	59.09	62.96	-0.19	0.47
-do- Acc	59.71	63.63	-0.20	0.47
Far East Opps	143.57	153.14†	-0.01	...
-do- Acc	146.92	156.71†	-0.02	...
Gold/Nat. Res	41.31	44.06	...	...
-do- Acc	42.50	45.33	...	...
Japan	77.86	82.82†	-0.23	...
-do- Acc	77.86	82.90†	-0.23	...
Little Dragons	64.39	68.68†	-0.39	0.72
-do- Acc	66.41	70.97†	-0.40	0.73
Oriental Income	41.16	43.90†	-0.10	3.62
-do- Acc	52.57	56.07†	-0.13	3.63
Tiger	201.54	214.97	+0.77	1.23
-do- Acc	212.31	226.46	+0.82	1.23
UK Small Cos	70.76	75.47	+0.54	2.10
-do- Acc	82.55	88.28	+0.63	2.12

WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ
031 225 1551

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Australasn Gold	14.58	15.51	-0.14	0.50
Pacific Basin	29.88	31.78	-0.04	0.60
Canadian Gth	34.92	37.14	-0.21	...
Global Bond	$0.973	$1.014	-0.000	7.34
Penny Share	21.73	23.11	-0.04	1.50

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT
071 606 3132

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Reserve	52.59	52.59	...	5.83
Gilt Growth	65.22	67.96	-0.84	...
Gilt Income	51.35	53.44†	-0.51	7.50
Short Dtd Gilt	105.70	107.10†	-0.80	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.715	$0.724	-0.000	...
Challenger	88.27	90.31	-0.78	...

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG
081 298 4000

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Stockmarket Fd	65.80	70.00	-0.13	2.14

Source: Finstat
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	7,600	Carlton C	414	Land Secs	460	Scot Hydro	1,000
Abbey Natl	1,600	Coats Vyla	2,200	Legal & Gn	467	Scot & New	1,200
Alld-Lyons	678	Cm Union	569	Lloyds Bk	1,400	Scot Power	2,200
Anglian W	744	Courtaulds	733	MB Cardn	450	Sears	4,900
Argyll Gp	2,600	De La Rue	179	Marks Spr	5,800	Svrn Trent	1,300
Arjo Wig	1,300	Eng China	445	NFC	382	Shell Trans	9,600
AB Foods	554	Enterpr Oil	637	Natwst Bk	6,800	Siebe	561
BAA	774	Fisons	1,600	Nat Power	2,000	SmKl Bch	3,500
BAT Inds	3,200	Forte	2,500	Nth Wst W	302	Smith Nph	2,200
BOC	1,000	GRE	715	Nthrn Fds	711	Sthrn Elec	304
BP	8,600	GUS A	172	P & O	665	Std Chartd	301
BT	14,000	Gen Acc	1,400	Pearson	1,900	Sun Allnce	830
BTR	7,900	Gen Elec	3,400	PowerGen	1,500	TI Gp	2,100
Bk of Scot	1,200	Glaxo	3,000	Prudential	1,800	TSB	1,600
Barclays	5,900	Granada	1,800	RTZ	752	Tate & Lyle	575
Bass	1,000	Grand Met	5,900	Rank Org	582	Tesco	4,600
Blue Circle	1,500	Guinness	3,700	Reckitt Col	534	Thames W	1,100
Boots	3,100	HSBC	3,300	Redland	1,600	Thrn EMI	726
Bowater	859	Hanson	5,600	Reed Intl	897	Tomkins	2,500
Brit Airwys	2,700	ICI	4,800	Rentokil	2,500	Unilever	2,200
Brit Gas	5,600	Inchcape	760	Reuters	1,400	Utd Bisc	2,500
Brit Steel	9,100	Kingfisher	2,100	Rothmans	575	Vodafone	1,600
Burmah C	322	Kwik Save	1,700	Ryl Ins	2,300	Wellcome	955
Cable Wire	3,100	LASMO	4,200	Ryl Bk Scot	4,100	Whitbd 'A'	696
Cadbury	1,700	Ladbroke	3,800	Sainsbury	2,500	Wlms Hld	1,400

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3399.72 (-13.78)
S&P Composite 436.35 (-1.67)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge Closed

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 6884.05 (-10.85)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 107.5 (-1.4)

Sydney: AO 1680.3 (-23.2)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1623.94 (-4.93)

FT 30 share: 2200.3 (-8.1)

Brussels:
General 6048.44 (-51.23)

Paris: CAC 525.78 (-0.45)

Zurich: SKA Gen 481.6 (-2.6)

London:
FT A All-Share 1377.21 (-4.97)
FT 500 1503.42 (-4.87)
FT Gold Mines 153.3 (+12.1)
FT Fixed Interest 110.95 (-0.82)
FT Govt Secs 94.59 (+0.17)
Bargains 27030
SEAQ Volume 540.3m
USM (Datastrm) 134.00 (-0.04)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 26	May 7	July 29	August 9

Call options were taken out on 29/4/93: ACT, Avesco, Caverdale, Haemocell, Kewill Systems, LIT, ML Laboratories, Ossory Estates, Racal, Ratners, Rentokil, Utd Biscuits.
Put & Call: Trafalgar House.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 93	2783.0	2795.0	2767.0	2788.0	14857
Previous open interest: 45958	Sep 93	2796.0	2810.0	2796.0	2811.0	87
Three Month Sterling	Jun 93	93.90	93.90	93.83	93.85	12474
Previous open interest: 314116	Sep 93	93.90	93.90	93.79	93.80	16775
	Dec 93	93.80	93.80	93.69	93.70	6962
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 93	96.77	96.79	96.77	96.78	681
Previous open interest: 17303	Sep 93	96.64	96.67	96.64	96.67	397
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 93	92.75	92.75	92.66	92.66	26411
Previous open interest: 551664	Sep 93	93.60	93.60	93.45	93.46	37578
US Treasury Bond	Jun 93				110-23	0
Previous open interest: 1	Sep 93				109-14	0
Long Gilt	Jun 93	104-07	104-09	103-13	103-15	73231
Previous open interest: 61747	Sep 93				102-21	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 93	107.70	107.75	107.60	107.76	341
	Sep 93				107.03	0
German Govmt Bond	Jun 93	95.13	95.20	94.54	94.57	119430
Previous open interest: 157438	Sep 93	95.29	95.29	94.82	94.84	504
Three month ECU	Jun 93	91.87	91.88	91.80	91.80	878
Previous open interest: 21182	Sep 93	92.69	92.69	92.64	92.64	714
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 93	95.30	95.31	95.18	95.19	7382
Previous open interest: 36098	Sep 93	95.70	95.70	95.59	95.60	1426
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 93	97.98	98.00	96.75	96.90	26988
Previous open interest: 42620	Sep 93				96.81	0

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 81.0 (day's range 80.7-81.0).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Apr 29	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7805-2.7943	2.7858-2.7894	¼-⅛ds	¾-1⅛ds
Brussels	50.97-51.22	50.99-51.09	4-9ds	17-23ds
Copenhagen	9.5300-9.5800	9.5350-9.5580	3⅛-5ds	9⅛-11ds
Dublin	1.0150-1.0180	1.0151-1.0172	21-27ds	54-64ds
Frankfurt	2.4727-2.4917	2.4884-2.4917	⅜-⅛ds	1-1⅛ds
Lisbon	229.51-230.50	229.91-230.38	240-282ds	631-679ds
Madrid	181.25-182.78	181.84-182.28	147-174ds	370-414ds
Milan	2304.50-2320.20	2312.50-2317.20	9-12ds	27-30ds
Montreal	1.9946-2.0022	1.9975-1.9996	0.20-0.07pr	0.35-0.12pr
New York	1.5690-1.5730	1.5710-1.5720	0.40-0.38pr	1.15-1.12pr
Oslo	10.4690-10.5240	10.4940-10.5170	⅞-2⅞ds	3½-4⅞ds
Paris	8.3470-8.3950	8.3810-8.3950	1⅞-1⅞ds	3½-4⅜ds
Stockholm	11.3570-11.4420	11.4180-11.4420	2½-3⅜ds	7¼-9⅜ds
Tokyo	175.45-176.16	175.76-175.97	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1¼pr
Vienna	17.43-17.53	17.43-17.49	1⅜-2⅞ds	4⅞-6⅞ds
Zurich	2.2322-2.2494	2.2394-2.2425	¼pr-par	⅝-⅜pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5694-1.5721
Australia dollar	2.1977-2.2007
Bahrain dinar	0.5865-0.5985
Brazil cruzeiro *	50088.6-50122.0
Cyprus pound	0.734-0.744
Finland marka	8.4245-8.5405
Greece drachma	333.75-340.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.1496-12.1590
India rupee	48.85-49.81
Kuwait dinar KD	0.468-0.478
Malaysia ringgit	4.0398-4.0441
Mexico peso	4.8-4.9
New Zealand dollar	2.8852-2.8924
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.827-5.953
Singapore dollar	2.5375-2.5408
S Africa rand (fin)	7.1695-7.2214
S Africa rand (com)	4.9628-4.9692
U A E dirham	5.708-5.832

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.3976-1.3986
Austria	11.09-11.11
Belgium (Com)	32.43-32.47
Canada	1.2715-1.2720
Denmark	6.0625-6.0725
France	5.310-5.315
Germany	1.574-1.575
Hong Kong	7.7238-7.7298
Ireland	1.5455-1.5475
Italy	1466.0-1468.0
Japan	111.85-111.95
Malaysia	2.5699-2.5709
Netherlands	1.769-1.770
Norway	6.66-6.67
Portugal	146.0-146.2
Singapore	1.6142-1.6152
Spain	115.3-115.5
Sweden	7.233-7.243
Switzerland	1.421-1.422

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 9½ Low 6 Week fixed: 6
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⁹⁄₁₆ : 3 mth 5⅝. Sell: 2 mth 5⅝ : 3 mth: 5⅝.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	5⅞-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¾	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¾	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⅝	
Sterling Money Rates: Interbank	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6¹⁄₁₆-6¹⁄₁₆	6⅛-6⅛
Overnight: open 7. close 6.	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆	6⅛-6⅛
Local Authority Deps	6	n/a	6⅛	6⅛	6⅛
Sterling CDs	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5⅞	6-5⅞	6⅛-6⅛
Dollar CDs	3.05-3.02	n/a	3.07-3.04	3.16-3.14	3.37-3.34
Building Society CDs	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-6	6⅛-6⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: April 30, 1993. Agreed rates May 26, 1993 to June 22, 1993. Schemes II & III: 7.26%. Reference rate April 1, 1993 to April 30, 1993. Schemes IV & V: 6.018%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark	7⅞-7⅞	7⅞-7⅞	7⅞-7⅞	7⅞-7⅞	8⅛-7⅞
French Franc	8⅛-8⅛	8⅛-7⅞	7⅞-7⅞	7⅞-7⅞	9-8
Swiss Franc	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-4⅞	4⅞-4⅞	5⅛-4⅞
Yen	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $354.20-354.60 Close: $354.70-355.10 High: $356.10-356.60 Low: $352.60-353.10 Krugerrand: $354.00-356.00 (£225.00-227.00)
Sovereigns: Old $84.00-87.00 (£51.50-53.50) New $84.00-87.00 (£51.50-53.50)
Platinum: $384.50 (£244.30) Silver: $4.30 (£2.725) Palladium: $118.50 (£75.30)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon	550	35	49	57	24	32	41
(*566½)	600	14	27	36	54	64	67
ASDA	67	8	10	-	5½	8	-
(*69½)	76	4½	7	-	11	14	-
Bass	550	19	32	39	37	42	51
(*535)	600	7	16	22	74	79	89
Boots	460	23	35	38	26	31	37
(*448½)	500	9	17	25	55	59	62
Br Airways	260	31	39	44	8½	12	17
(*279)	280	20	28	33	17	21	26
BP	280	17	24	28	13	18	22
(*285)	300	9	15	21	25	29	33
Br Steel	90	9	13	15½	8	9½	12
(*90½)	100	4½	8	11½	14	16½	18
C & W	650	50	64	72	21	30	38
(*678½)	700	23	38	48	52	59	65
CU	580	34	40	-	21	34	-
(*586)	629	13	20	-	52	65	-
Courtauld	550	27½	43	52	27	36	43
(*556)	600	9	22½	31½	61½	67½	73
GKN	460	38	44	-	12	22	-
(*480)	500	16	24	-	32	42	-
ICI	1200	122	132	150	24	45	58
(*1277½)	1250	88	102	120	43	65	80
Kingfshr	584	31	44½	-	26½	35½	-
(*586½)	632	13½	24	-	65	64½	-
Land Sec	500	26	35	38	17	21	27
(*519½)	550	5	13	17	55	53	57
M & S	330	24	32	40	10	17	20
(*343)	360	8½	19	24	28	33	35
Sainsbury	420	47	57	65	10	15	21
(*458)	460	23	36	42	27	33	38
Shell	550	25	33	40	17	28	32
(*550½)	600	7	14	19	53	62	63
Smkl Bch	460	36	47	60	25	35	42
(*471)	500	17	31	43	49	57	64
Storehse	200	16	23	27	14	19	23
(*203½)	220	8	15	19	26	31	35
Trafalgar	83	11	15	-	6	8½	-
(*90)	92	7	11	-	10½	14	-
Unilever	1050	65	90	103	20	33	42
(*1078½)	1100	35	58	73	42	57	65

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Feb	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Feb
Grnd Met	390	38	46	51	10	16	25
(*407½)	420	19	30	38	24	30	40
Ladbroke	160	17	23	28	10½	19	24
(*161½)	180	8½	14	19	25	32	35
Utd Bisc	390	40	49	55	15	25	28
(*409)	420	24	33	40	33	40	42

April 29, 1993 Tot: 53044 Call: 27997 Put: 25047 FT-SE Call: 5070 Put: 6846
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
BAA	750	16	32	48	16	37	48
(*749)	800	2	13	26	56	70	79
BAT Ind	800	59	83	93	5	18	36
(*837½)	850	22	51	65	20	38	59
BTR	550	53	63	70	1½	7½	16
(*597)	600	12	29	37	11	23	35
Br Aero	300	25	40	55	8	23	35
(*313)	330	10	29	41	24	43	48
Br Telcm	390	17	26	33	4	15	21
(*403)	420	3½	12	18	20	33	37
Cadbury	460	13	29	38	9	20	28
(*461½)	500	2½	12	22	42	46	51
Guinness	460	20	38	49	7	18	28
(*475½)	500	4	19	30	33	42	49
GEC	300	18	24	29	3	11	16
(*312)	330	2½	9	15	19	28	33
Hanson	220	13	18	22½	2	7	10½
(*230)	240	2½	8	13½	11	17½	22
LASMO	140	14	23	29	4	10	16
(*150)	160	5	14	20	15	21	27
Lucas	130	9	16	21	4	9	16
(*134)	140	3½	11	17	8½	14½	21
P & O	550	25	46	56	8	22	40
(*564½)	600	5	22	34	39	51	70
Pilkingtn	130	7½	12	17	4	9½	14
(*133½)	140	3	8	12	11	16	19
Prudential	300	22	31	37	2	8	14
(*319)	330	4	15	21	15	21	29
RTZ	600	55	72	84	4½	12	24
(*646½)	650	15	38	53	16	33	45
Scot New	420	42	50	55	2	11	17
(*458½)	460	12	24	31	11	28	37
Tesco	220	7	18	22	8	15	18
(*218)	240	2	8	14	25	27	30
Thames W	500	13	22	28	9	28	37
(*498)	550	1½	5	11	53	68	72
Vodafone	360	16	29	40	7	18	24
(*369)	390	4	15	27	24	35	43

FT-SE INDEX (*2786)

	2650	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900
Calls						
May	142	92	61	28	13	6
Jun	157	117	84	52	31	17
Jul	173	140	105	76	55	37
Aug	192	158	127	99	76	58
Dec	-	223	-	170	-	132
Puts						
May	8	13	29	53	81	127
Jun	19	30	45	67	98	135
Jul	32	41	60	87	112	144
Aug	37	54	72	95	122	157
Dec	-	98	-	135	-	191

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat	360	28	39	46	5	13	18
(*379)	390	11	22	31	17	27	33
Amstrad	30	5	7	8½	2	3½	4
(*34½)	35	2½	4½	6	4	6	6½
Barclays	420	22	34	45	12	25	32
(*422)	460	6½	17	27	40	50	55
Blue Circ	240	14	24	30	11	18	25
(*243)	260	6	16	23	24	30	36
Br Gas	280	23	27	29	5½	9½	16
(*301½)	300	8	16	20	15	19	26
	330	2	6½	9	41	41	47
Dixons	200	23	28	35	7	15	19
(*213½)	220	11	19	25	16	25	31
Eurotnnl	420	28	48	65	23	39½	51
(*421½)	460	16	31	47	51½	65½	74½
Forte	180	16	24	28	6	11	15
(*190)	200	6½	14	19	16	22	26
Glaxo	550	59	82	90	13	28	45
(*586½)	600	30	54	66	35	53	68
	650	14	34	48	73	84	103
HSBC	600	31	53	69	26	44	56
(*603)	650	13	32	48	59	73	84
Hillsdwn	140	23	28	32	3	7	10
(*157)	160	10	16	21	10	15	20
Lonrho	80	14½	18½	21½	2	5	7
(*93½)	90	8	13	15½	5	8½	11½
Reuter	1250	50	82	120	45	72	87
(*1254)	1300	29	62	95	75	99	120
R-Royce	130	9	15	19	7½	12	16
(*129)	140	5	11	15	14	17	21
Sears	100	6	9	13	4½	8	11
(*103)	110	2½	6	8	13	15	17
Thrn Emi	800	64	80	90	7	27	35
(*848)	850	30	47	60	25	50	59
TSB	180	12	18	22	8	15	18
(*181)	200	4½	10	14	21	27	30
Vaal Reefs	50	11	11	13	2½	5	6
(*59)	60	6	6½	8½	6½	8½	11½
Wellcome	700	52	75	95	25	43	57
(*720½)	750	24	56	66	54	70	85

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Dec	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Dec
Fisons	160	17	24	26	14	21	20
(*160½)	180	9	16	19	27	33	38

Series		Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Eastn Elc	460	15	27	35	8	26	35
(*463)	500	2½	10	19	37	54	59

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Natl Pwr	300	30	39	46	3½	9	12
(*322½)	330	10½	20	29	15	21	25
Scot Pwr	310	11	15	20	11	20	23
(*306)	330	4	8	13	25	34	35

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Coffee's upside push was hit with a sledge hammer yesterday, when Brazil announced that it would be off loading 600,000 bags of it's government stockpile to aid coffee growers. While the quantity to be sold is limited, this is seen as a first step to the liquidation of it's entire 17.5 million bag reserve. Understandably, the news has not helped the market which was only just beginning to recover.

LONDON FOX
COCOA

May	664-663	Jul	763-762
Jul	682-681	Sep	778-775
Sep	694-693	Dec	800 SLR
Dec	713-712	Mar	820-818
Mar	733-732		
May	747 BID	Volume:	4484

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	879-877	Jan	895-890
Jul	878-877	Mar	905-898
Sep	876-874	May	915-905
Nov	886-883	Volume:	2124

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	-
May	unq	May	-
Aug	-	Aug	-
Oct	-	Volume:	0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	292.9-91.9
Spot: 298.5		May	295.9-94.0
Aug	308.0-07.0	Aug	300.2-96.9
Oct	295.0-94.1	Oct	293.6-87.9
Dec	293.4-92.5	Volume:	395

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 29

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	88.79	139.03	137.92
(+/-)	-0.78	-0.42	-1.01
Eng/Wales	88.77	139.71	136.40
(+/-)	-0.76	+0.61	-2.04
(%)	+15.8	-9.2	-15.9
Scotland	89.94	130.76	143.38
(+/-)	-2.60	-1.90	+2.49
(%)	+28.2	-10.7	-5.0

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (Kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Apr	unq	unq	Oct	105.0	105.0
Jul	102.5	102.5		Volume:	4

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT (close £/t)

May	143.50
Jun	144.80
Sep	108.75
Nov	110.80
Jan	113.75
Volume:	281

BARLEY (close £/t)

May	138.20
Sep	106.95
Nov	109.80
Jan	112.65
Mar	114.40
Volume:	60

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Jun	138.50
Aug	138.00
Oct	142.30
Dec	144.80
Feb	unq
Volume:	20

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
May	48.0	47.4
Apr	95.0	97.1
May	unq	100.0
	Volume:	75

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Jun 56.50-57.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Prices staged an upward surge as a round of short covering came into play.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.65	-0.25
Brent 15 day (May)	18.75	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Jun)	18.95	-0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	20.35	-0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	20.55	-0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	210 (+1)	212 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	185 (+3)	186 (+2)
Non EEC 1H May	185 (+3)	186 (+3)
Non EEC 1H Jun	180 (+4)	181 (+4)
3.5 Fuel Oil	76 (n/c)	78 (n/c)
Naphtha	181 (+1)	183 (+2)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

May	n/a	Aug	177.50 SLR
Jun	178.00-78.25	Sep	178.50-78.75
Jul	176.75 SLR	Oct	181.50-82.00
		Vol:	21009

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jun	18.95-18.96	Sep	19.13 SLR
Jul	18.98-18.99	Oct	19.10-19.15
Aug	19.05-19.07	Vol:	17167

UNLEADED GASOLINE

May	205.25-05.75	Aug	n/a
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INFOTECH

When it comes to writing, just talk to Shakespeare

Matthew May reports on the arrival of a computer that will take dictation, and type the letter

The idea of a personal computer or typewriter you can talk to, thus removing the need for keyboard skills, has had computer marketing people overexcited at the thought of a product that could sell millions.

On the technical side the enthusiasm is muted, based on a realisation that getting a machine to understand human speech is such a complex task that an affordable desktop "talk-writer" that will accept normal dictation is still some years away.

Like many other new computing applications, its arrival will probably be more a process of evolution than revolution as systems slowly become better and cheaper.

Voice-operated computers and software are already on sale but their intricacies, high prices — often more than £10,000 — and severe limitations compared to the skilled use of a keyboard have meant that sales have been largely for specialist uses.

These range from helping disabled people unable to use keyboards, to those who, in certain occupations, are too busy with their hands doing

> 'It still needs what I call Dalek speech'

something else to have the time to use a keyboard for putting information into a computer.

The argument now is that although these systems are limited in what they can achieve, they are just starting to reach the stage where they can be genuinely useful for more mundane tasks.

This week a small Sussex-based company announced one of the first systems which will let anyone dictate, rather than type, documents. It is not aimed at replacing typists but at those two-fingered typists who do not have a secretary to type letters.

The Shakespeare Speechwriter, the name of both the product and the company, will go on sale at the end of May through Compaq dealers.

Malcolm McPherson, the managing director, says that the chief difference is that it is a complete package, including the Compaq PC it runs on and special document-handling software designed to work with the voice recognition software. It is also relatively cheap at £5,000 plus VAT.

The system cannot rival the usual speed of speech — experienced users can get up to 30 or 40 words a minute recognised compared to more than 100 for normal speech — and words must not be slurred together, resulting in a clipped style of speaking.

"It still needs what I call 'Dalek-speech'," says Mr McPherson, "but the real typing speed of many executives is only about 20 words a minute, so it can be useful and you can just sit back while you dictate a letter."

The system is "speaker dependent", meaning it requires new users to work through a three-hour tutorial in order to train it to recognise their voice and how they pronounce words. After that, it continues to learn during use by adjusting its recognition of particular words if their average pronunciation changes.

"After two days it should recognise about 90 per cent of the words, after two weeks about 95 per cent, finally settling down at about 98 per cent," Mr McPherson says.

Once users have done the tutorial, an individual's speech pattern can be loaded in about 20 seconds.

The machine uses a variety of different ways to recognise words. There is an "active" vocabulary of 24,000 words, "about three times as large as a person's normal business usage", says Mr McPherson, plus space for a 5,000-word user vocabulary so that users can add their own business and technical vocabulary.

Finally there is an 80,000-word dictionary that the machine will use to look up more obscure words.

Up to 500 pre-written paragraphs can be set up, such as a user's own address for the top of a letter, and by saying "para 21", for example, the paragraph will appear on the screen.

But even when words are recognised, there is a problem over which one you mean. A few expensive systems examine whole sentences to try and work out the context and probable intention — for instance whether a speaker means "I" or "eye".

The Speechwriter uses a simpler system that inserts the word used by the speaker most frequently into a document and flags other options that can then be selected by giving the number of the option.

Frequent letter writers will no doubt find "I" rather than "eye" inserted automatically, while any optician using the system may find the reverse is true.

It may all be a bit clumsy, but Mr McPherson is not expecting millions of sales and concedes that for some tasks the keyboard still wins.

"It is easier to hit the cursor up key than to keep saying 'Cursor up, cursor up'," he says. "But when I'm dictating a letter I don't use the keyboard at all."

He believes it could appeal particularly to some executives or other professionals who want to write their own reports but have poor typing

> Letter writers will find 'I' rather than 'eye' inserted first

skills, and he will be quite happy if his distributor's estimate of 1,000 being sold in the first year is achieved

The other favourite problem mentioned when it comes to voice recognition, is that a cold can temporarily change the way a person sounds and make these systems refuse to recognise their owners.

"We have tested it with people with colds and it doesn't seem to make much difference," Mr McPherson says, "although we haven't tried it for the effects of alcohol."

For a reasonably priced desktop machine to handle normal talking speeds is "at least three years off and it will probably require the power level of the chip after the Pentium", says Mr McPherson, referring to the 686 chip under development by Intel though at least two years away from commercial availability.

By then, full-blown voice-operated typewriters probably will have attracted the interest of large companies, such as Microsoft which, for now, believe voice-recognition software on a personal computer is best limited to understanding simple commands such as "open file" or "print".

However, it is argued that within ten years the keyboard will go the way of the slide rule and be replaced by a microphone and mouse.

SIMON WALKER



Taking note: Malcolm McPherson, managing director of Shakespeare Speechwriter, talking to his computer

ONLINE

Ringtime in Paris

FRANCE Telecom has spent £30 million installing a cheap mobile phone system, telepoint, in Paris.

The Bi-Bop service, which started on Monday, requires users to be near one of 3,000 radio antennas installed throughout Paris. They cannot receive calls.

The company hopes that unfilled demand for portable phones in Paris, and the relatively high price of cellular phones in France, will make Bi-Bop attractive.

Only one of four telepoint services has survived in the UK since they were introduced in 1989.

Chipping away

THE dominance of the personal computer world by Intel, the computer chip firm, came under attack this week when Motorola announced the first version of a rival Power PC chip.

The new processor, the 601, is aimed at the next generation of desktop computers and will cost less than half the expected £500 price of Intel's Pentium chip.

Motorola's challenge is helped by the fact it is being developed with IBM and Apple and is roughly equivalent in terms of performance to the Pentium.

Data rules

DATA protection rules in Europe should be changed to protect the individual in areas involving international police and counter-terrorism co-operation, a House of Lords report has recommended.

"At present, the individual may have no redress if inaccurate information about him is transmitted between national police forces," the report says.

The Select Committee on the European Communities said the rules on obtaining data fairly should exclude clandestine devices such as telephone taps.

More Acorns

TESCO has extended its Computers for Schools scheme by three weeks until June 13. Under the scheme, schools can obtain Acorn computer equipment by collecting vouchers that are issued at a rate of one for every £25 spent at the supermarket. The closing date for the receipt of vouchers and order forms remains July 2.

Rigged waves

THREE men have been charged with computer fraud in the US for rigging giveaway contests by radio stations. They are alleged to have used computers to seize incoming telephone lines to ensure they would be the correct callers.

During a two-year period, the three defendants are said to have fraudulently won two Porsches, £14,000 in cash, and two trips to Hawaii from three separate stations.

One of the men is also charged with using his computer skills to access sensitive government files.



Mouse trap

THE gradual acceptance in the home of personal computers is emphasised by Microsoft's decision to offer a half-price weekend for two in Britain or Ireland to anyone buying its latest mouse.

The unit, described by the company as the "ultimate ergonomic pointing device", is larger and longer than than its predecessor.

Priced at £92, anyone who can trade in an earlier version can get it for £46. Those wanting the cheap weekend will have to buy before the end of June.

Come in all stolen cars

A high technology tracking system designed to recover stolen vehicles has been on trial with British police forces for more than a year and could be introduced in the autumn.

The system, developed in America in the late 1980s, has proved highly effective in recovering stolen vehicles — in a country where urban car crime is more of an epidemic than a problem.

A small radio transceiver is installed inside a vehicle, in a place difficult to see. In turn, this is linked to a central receiving station operated by the local police force.

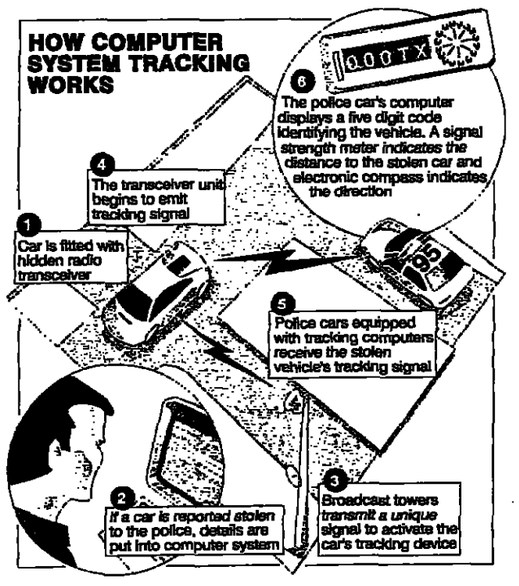
If the car is reported stolen, the police activate a coded tracking signal in the unit, enabling specially equipped police vehicles to home in on the car's location.

In the US, where the system is in use in eight states including Florida, New Jersey, Massachusetts and parts of California, more than 150,000 vehicles have been fitted with the units, which cost about £400 each.

Lojack, the US manufacturer, is so confident of the technology that it offers motorists a full cash refund if their car is not recovered by the police within 24 hours. In most cases, however, it says that cars are recovered within a few hours of being reported stolen, and are usually undamaged.

Lojack says the tracking technology has ensured a 95 per cent recovery rate for stolen vehicles in the US and it predicts the same success rate for the United Kingdom.

> British police forces have been testing a radio transmitter system which can find missing vehicles



Tracker Network, the company which has bought the UK rights for the system, has recently secured £8 million worth of funding for the system from financial institutions in the City of London.

Ralph Kanter, managing director of Tracker Network, says refunds will not be offered in Britain, although he says owners should be able to receive significant insurance discounts — estimated at between 10 to 15 per cent — if they have a unit installed.

Mr Kanter says an announcement will be made within the next few months about the exact launch date of the system and the British price of the units.

One criticism of the system is that while the recovery aspect is very useful, the units do not prevent vehicles from being stolen in the first place.

But with 1,600 cars a day stolen from British streets — and 400 never recovered — both insurance companies and car manufacturers are increasingly keen to find more effective solutions.

Researchers at Ford's research and development centre in Dunton, Essex, are developing an alternative high-tech recovery system based on satellite technology.

They have already proved the technology on a prototype car on the streets of Basildon and are busy miniaturising the in-vehicle equipment.

This particular system will not be available in production cars for another four to five years, but Ford says that when it does appear it will be for the mass market and will cost no more than a good quality car stereo.

In addition to recovering stolen vehicles, the same technology could also be used by fleet managers or road-rescue companies either to keep track of individual vehicles or search for stranded motorists.

The success of such systems in America has led to suggestions that they should be adapted for children so that parents would be able to trace them should they ever go missing.

ALAN JABEZ

Calling a desktop meeting

For decades, telephone companies have predicted that video telephones would soon replace regular audio-only telephones.

The problem is, they have never caught on. Now, the Japanese telecommunications company Nippon Telegraph and Telephone (NTT) says it has an answer.

Instead of showing close-up images of the caller's face, NTT's new video phone focuses its cameras at each person's desk top, so that business people can work together over the telephone on joint projects.

The images of both desk tops are shown on each screen so that people at different locations can jointly design products, campaigns or buildings.

> New video phones will focus on work rather than the caller's face

Sadami Kurihara, manager of NTT's human and multimedia laboratory, says video phones have not become popular because they are still too expensive for most individuals, and businesses are not interested in face-to-face communication over the phone.

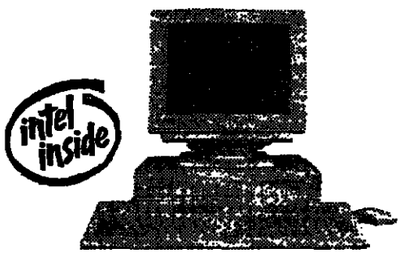
"If I call up my mother, I'd like to be able to see her. But in business, what people say on the telephone and what they actually feel aren't always the same, and they don't want that to show through eye-to-eye contact," he says.

"People of different ranks also feel uncomfortable facing each other directly. What is more important is to be able to focus on a project together."

The product, Team Work Station, also has two optional cameras that can transmit small pictures of the caller's face in corners of the video screen.

It will go on sale in Japan later this year at a still-undetermined price. In its present form, however, it will work only on special broadband telephone lines.

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You may never need go to work again

When transport workers strike, there is a rash of applications for teleworking posts. David Guest looks at life for home alones

There is only one kind of commuter that transport strikes do not inconvenience — telecommuters, people who work from home. Companies that employ teleworkers report that any strike prompts a rash of applications.

Teleworking is slowly growing in popularity, and since the computer industry provides the technology to make an office in the home feasible, it is not surprising that computer professionals make up the largest group of telecommuters.

It will not suit everyone, however. "Teleworking is especially popular with people in their mid-30s, confident in their skills, valuing their quality of life and their own environment," says Richard Field, chief executive of the National Association of Teleworkers.

"The people it is not so appropriate for are younger, newish in their careers, anxious to make a mark, and in need of the kind of training by osmosis that goes on in most organisations. They probably value the social aspect of working in an office."

Francis Kinsman, the author of a book on the subject, *The Telecommuters*, is preparing psychometric tests to help companies identify suitable candidates. The key attributes, he says, are self-discipline, dedication, motivation, confidence, adaptability and good time management, people management and telephone skills.

The range of jobs fit for teleworking is extensive, Mr Field says. "Our membership stretches from data entry, often with experience of a particular database, through a wide range of professional skills related to information technology — such as desktop publishing or technical authorship — to programmers with experience in a variety of industry sectors."

Digital Equipment, the American computer manufacturer, says 10 per cent of its British workforce works flexibly to some degree, and hopes to increase this to 25 per cent by the end of next year. Digital has backed a telecentre in Honiton, Devon that opened this week. This illustrates one of the directions teleworking is taking.

Mr Field says teleworkers fall into two categories. "There are the corporate teleworkers who I would call telecommuters, working from home or from a local telecentre, and there are self-employed individuals or small to medium teleworking companies. We are beginning to see a blurring of the distinction between the two.

"With the drive towards outsourcing, you are seeing a contraction at the inner core of companies, with a layer of closely associated teleworkers, often former employees, and an outer ring of sub-contractors."

This should not mean, however, that teleworking is a means by which companies can cut overheads. Neil Harris, in charge of Digital's teleworkers, says: "We put a lot of emphasis on a sense of belonging. Career structures are maintained, and there are health and safety checks, and heating and lighting allowances."

Helene Hook is marketing manager of ICL Enterprises' cross-industry products and services section (CPS), and one of the section's 200 teleworkers. "Basically we're a systems house," she says. "We design and develop applications for people, we have consultants and technical authors, and some areas of specialisation — quality issues, for example, helping people prepare for BS5750 registration." Ms Hook says that CPS teleworkers are full or part-time employees of ICL and have career opportunities within the scheme or elsewhere in ICL.

"The best schemes are voluntary," Mr Field says, "and I have no experience of staff being forced to telework, but as the concept gains ground and the cost/benefits increase, that could happen."

For employees attracted by or faced with the prospect of teleworking, Mr Field has a warning. "It is important that a teleworking scheme should be a carefully planned programme. Companies that think, 'It's a good idea, let's have a go', generally fail or limp along."

There are drawbacks. Contractors working from home have found that payments can become irregular and distractions taken for granted in offices may be difficult to manage in the home. Responsible employers will build in an escape route for would-be teleworkers who find the life is not for them.

One final drawback is status. Teleworkers were unjustly burdened at an early stage with the image of part-time semi-professionals. The contemporary view is that they were and are professionals.

STEPHEN MARKESON



Homing in on opportunities: Richard Field at the telecentre which has just opened in Devon

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Bargains from Barnard Castle

Richard Cork admires the legacy of John and Josephine Bowes now on display at the National Gallery



The wages of sin: *A Miracle of the Eucharist* by the Sienese master, Sassetta. "The painting is composed with the harmonious sweetness which Sassetta made his own"

At a time when great picture collections at Dulwich and Royal Holloway College are threatened with shameful dispersal, the National Gallery's new show offers a salutary corrective. For the paintings have all been borrowed from the resplendent yet little-known Bowes Museum at Barnard Castle, a château-style treasure-house staunchly supported by Durham County Council.

In 1952, the museum might well have been closed: the independent trust set up by John and Josephine Bowes 60 years before had run out of funds. But Durham, far from ignoring its plight or asset-stripping the collection, rescued the entire institution. And in the catalogue of the present exhibition, held while the museum is being refurbished, the chairman of the council's new arts, libraries and museums committee proudly declares that the Bowes can "look forward to an even better future".

> 'An outlay of just under £7 secured this quattrocento jewel'

While local authorities throughout the country are being forced to cut their cultural commitments to the bone, such a promise is heartening indeed. And it accords with the spirit in which the collection was assembled. For the Bowes' voracious acquisitive urge, leading them to amass about 1,000 paintings at an average rate of seven a month, was accompanied by a desire to share their possessions with the people of Teesdale. Although the museum was inaugurated in 1892, after they had both died, the plan had formed in their minds more than 30 years before.

Judging by Jacques Eugène Feyen's full-length portrait of John Bowes, a landowner and industrialist, who as a young man served as Liberal MP for South Durham, he was addicted above all to shooting game. Slaughtered birds and animals are piled beside him like trophies, and he clasps his gun with the bullish assurance of a seasoned hunter. But the truth is that the doughty Bowes bagged art even more energetically than wildlife. After moving to France and marrying Josephine Coffin-Chevallier, a Paris actress who painted landscapes with considerable skill, he set no limits on the amount of fine and decorative arts they accumulated.

None of the ceramics, tapestries, metalwork and clocks preserved in such profusion at Barnard Castle has made the journey to Trafalgar Square. The 29 paintings are enough, however, to prove that Mr and Mrs Bowes were in some respects far ahead of their time. One of their first purchases, in 1840, was an exquisite predella panel by Sassetta. Like Prince Albert, they were prepared to buy early Renaissance pictures which most other collectors spurned.

Sassetta, one of the finest and rarest of Sienese masters, is at his most arresting in *A Miracle of the Eucharist*. While a Carmelite lay brother kneels backwards, struck dead for presuming to receive communion in a state of sin, a tiny black devil plucks the soul from his mouth. In a scene almost as gruesome as a still from *Aliens*, the officiating priest stares with horror at the Host gushing blood on the dish in his hand. But the richly dressed laymen and women assembled in the church's nave seem unaware of the murderous miracle. Sassetta ensures that their elegance chimes with the figures in the glowing, gold-ground altarpieces behind, and much of the painting is composed with the harmonious sweetness which Sassetta made his own.

A modest outlay of just under £7 secured this quattrocento jewel, and the most spectacular of all the Bowes' purchases cost only £1 more. In 1869, they bought from a Paris dealer a dynamic and well-preserved El Greco called *The Tears of St Peter*. The price reflected the fact that Greco had yet to be recognised as a supreme Spanish master, let alone a precursor of 20th-century painting. Perhaps the full-blown emotionalism of this headlong canvas would have alienated most English collectors. Indeed, the saint's agitation infects everything in sight. The thunderous clouds colliding above the blindingly radiant angel on Christ's open tomb seem to be caught up in the same turmoil, and act as a projection of Peter's inner agitation.

By no means everything acquired for the collection proved as prescient as the Greco purchase. When the large and attractive *Classical landscape with figures and ruins* was acquired, Bowes believed that it was by Gaspard Dughet. But the sharp-eyed Denis Mahon, on a visit to the museum in 1961, identified the painting as a work by the little-known Etienne Allegrain. The demotion has failed to impair the picture's freshness, and the same conclusion applies to perhaps the most expensive example of a wrongly-attributed Bowes acquisition.

The unusually high price of 4,500 francs was paid for a grand, flamboyant pair of full-length saints by Ribera. They are now attributed to his pupil, the somewhat less celebrated Francesco Fracanzano, but their forcefulness has not been dimmed and made me eager to see more of his neglected work.

As well as casting a powerful new light on unfamiliar names, the exhibition confirms the stature of some larger reputations. The often tiresome Boucher is at his most beguiling in an elaborate *Landscape with Watermill*, where an Arcadian idyll is threatened by the hint of a sunset about to descend over a ruined temple, doves flirting above the thatched watermill, and tree-trunks decaying by the river's edge. It is a *tour de force* of French rococo.

A more profound feeling of calm permeates another impressive French landscape, by an artist who could hardly be more opposed to Boucher. Courbet's *View at Ornans*, a tranquil tribute to his native countryside in the Jura, was bought only a year after it had been executed in 1864. Josephine Bowes, who painted Courbet-influenced landscapes of her own, was probably behind a purchase which proves how alive she could be to contemporary work.

But artists of the past dominate the collection, and Goya triumphs with two outstanding images. One, a portrait of the enlightened poet and lawyer Meléndez Valdés, catches the sitter in all his tense energy. A passionate champion of reform, he stares out at us with the frowning impatience of a man too restless to pose for long. Goya's friendship with Meléndez Valdés must have helped him to produce such a frank, intimate likeness.

The artist may also have warmed to his sitter's particular concern with the appalling state of Spanish prisons and asylums. Goya visited these institutions himself, producing in the small *Interior of a Prison* a masterpiece which belies its size. The manacled figures sprawling in this bare, besmirched hell-hole appear beyond hope. Even the soft, white light filtering through the archway does nothing to alleviate their dejection. But Goya's compassion dignified the captives, and proves that one artist, at least, was determined to arouse sympathy and indignation in everyone who encountered this quietly protesting image.

● *Paintings from the Bowes Museum at the National Gallery (071-839 3321) until June 20.*

CRITIC'S CHOICE

● **GRAHAM SUTHERLAND — EARLY ETCHINGS:** Improbably, given the agonies and ecstasies of his later work, Sutherland began as an enthusiastic follower of Palmer. He made similarly idyllic etchings, dousing scenes from some rustic golden age in the light that never was on land or sea. This comprehensive show starts in 1923, just before the pastoral phase, and goes to the late 1930s, when he touched the fringes of surrealism. **Fine Arts Society** 148 New Bond Street, W1 (071-629-5116). Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, Sat 11-4pm, until May 14.

● **BRYAN INGHAM:** If anyone is the natural heir to the tradition of St Ives in its heyday, under the influence of Nicholson and Hepworth, it is Ingham. But his real likeness to Nicholson is temperamental, and resides in his refusal ever to choose decisively between abstraction and representation. And in one or two paintings in the current show he seems to be on the brink of discovering Synthetic Cubism all over again, with sensuous and thought-provoking results. **Francis Graham Dixon** 17-18 Great Sutton Street, EC1 (071-250 1962). Tues-Sun 11am-6pm, until June 6.

● **NEW BEGINNINGS:** Ken Powell has a collector's passion for British art of the immediate post-war era, and has amassed an unrivalled collection of it in the past 20 years. His particular favourite is Prunella Clough, of whom he has 19 works from between 1945 and 1961, as well as the *Men At Work* portfolio of 18 drawings and monotypes. He also owns a splendid representation of St Ives free-form abstractionists, including Roger Hilton, Peter Lanyon, Patrick Heron and Terry Frost. **Courtauld Institute Galleries** (Nos 9 and 10), Somerset House, Strand, WC2 (071-873 2526). Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, until June 13.

● **LUCIENNE DAY:** Her most famous fabric design, *Calyx*, was made especially for the Festival of Britain, and throughout the 1950s she was a dominant figure and inescapable influence with her bold geometric shapes, vibrant colours and spindly elegance. She is still at work, making "silk mosaic wall-hangings" for her own pleasure. **Whitworth Art Gallery**, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester (061-273 4865). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm (Thursday to 9pm), until June 26.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

OPERA: A Handel masterpiece admirably brought back to life by English National Opera

Sexual jealousy fuels a baroque triumph

Ariodante
Coliseum

DESPITE attempts to turn it into some sort of media event — television crews and all that — the first night of English National Opera's new production of *Ariodante* was exactly what it should have been: a fine, serious and largely successful attempt at one of Handel's greatest masterpieces, much appreciated by a full house (cheers easily drowned the few boos), and just the sort of shot in the arm needed to enliven the last months of the current ENO regime.

This is one of the more tightly plotted and approachable of Handel's heroic operas. The central situation of sexual jealousy and mistaken identity — based on Ariosto, used by Shakespeare in *Much Ado About Nothing*, and turning up again in Weber's opera *Euryanthe* — is set amidst a web of intense family relationships, both sibling and parental.

The range of feelings provoked as the characters develop (and they do develop, to an extent unsurpassed in 18th-century opera) is caught in music of quite extraordinary emotional power, even by Handel's own exalted standards. The inclusion of well-integrated dance sequences adds to the heady brew.

Chief architect of the evening's success is the conductor Nicholas McGegan, much practised in Handelian manners. His feel for tempo in individual arias seemed faultless. It was brisk without ever being hurried, sometimes daringly broad but always perfectly sustained.

Most important was his command of structure, as crucial in Handel as in Wagner, and his way with the ballets reminded us that Rameau was not the only 18th-century master of dance music. The compromise "big house" Handel sound that he and the orchestra devised was thoroughly persuasive: clean-limned, lithe, rhythmically alive.

The singers, then, were given ideal support. Ann Murray was in superb form in the title role, relishing the joy of virtuosity in her bravura numbers and tugging relentlessly at the heartstrings in the magnificent "Scherza infida" (with an excellent bassoon obbligato). Scholars might argue as to whether an 18th-century singer would have externalised the feeling so starkly in this aria, with the risk of vocal colour affecting precision of pitch, but their arguments would fall to the ground in the face of emotion so profoundly felt.

Amanda Roocroft sang the traduced heroine, Ginevra. Her tone grows ever more golden, her musicianship more appealing. I only wish she would not swallow her words in the upper reaches of the voice. Everyone else enunciated Amanda Holden's direct, singable new translation with admirable clarity.

Not all the singing reached the exalted level of these two, but it was never less than confident and dramatically apposite. Lesley Garrett's Dalinda, the equivocal instrument of Ginevra's downfall, is a performance of much depth, one of her finest assumptions at the Coliseum, and Christopher Robson brings a George Sanders-like suaveness and implacability to the villain Polinesso.

Paul Nilon (Lurcanio, the hero's brother) benefits most from the full version of the text — the role is much cut in brand-X productions — and made much of his beautiful Act I aria. And once Michael Druiett has tamed a certain unruliness at the top of his range he will be a very valuable bass indeed.

As all this would suggest, David Alden draws performances of characteristic intensity from the cast. There is perhaps too much grovelling on the floor, too much zombie-like slow motion, too many changes of costume, and a certain muzziness of narrative. But you do not have to agree with everything he does to recognise the high seriousness and respect for the music evidenced in his approach. This *Ariodante* is on quite a different level from Alden's disappointing *Elektra* and *Monteverdi*.

And for the most part it looks gorgeous. Ian McNeil's set — an 18th-century painted ceiling, slightly foxed palace walls, window-doubling-as-second-stage — is exquisitely lit by Wolfgang Göbbel. Many of the stage pictures are ravishing. I just wish the second act were not played in Stygian darkness: I know it is set at night, but I missed seeing the singers' faces.

But these are quibbles: the main thing is that one of the great operas written for the London stage (1735) has entered the repertory of a national company. That is reason enough to rejoice.

RODNEY MILNES



Veiled tones: Amanda Roocroft as the heroine Ginevra

Rich decoration

ART MARKET DIARY

THE big question at Trafalgar Square last year was "What will Lord Rothschild give us for Christmas?" The chairman of the National Gallery's trustees was about to finish his six-year tenure and, being so rich, he was expected to leave a masterpiece or two behind as gifts. Now it transpires that Rothschild opted for patronage of a different kind. From next Friday, visitors will be dazzled by the new interior decoration of the gallery's great central hall, which has been restored to its original 1886 splendour thanks to funding by the former chairman. Only 15 years ago, the museum was condemned for hiding the glories of its Victorian architecture. Now its freshly polychromed ceiling and heroic busts of Rubens and Titian threaten to upstage the paintings themselves.

● TORN asunder by a controversial auction in 1984, the great collection of old-master drawings from Chatsworth House is to be reunited again on September 16, but only in a four-volume catalogue edited by Professor Michael Jaffé, director of the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge from 1973 to 1990, and published by Phaidon. This ambitious project results from the initiative of a group of collectors and dealers, led by Luca Baroni of Colnaghi. Ironically, another contributor is Christie's, the auction house which profited hugely from the sale. The poor-man's alternative to the Duke of Devonshire's treasures costs £199.95. Less flush parties can attend an exhibition of drawings which have escaped dispersal at the British Museum, also in September.

Paying court

FOLLOWING the postponement last month of the High Court case between Christie's and the Argentinian Maria Bollaert, art-market watchers assumed the matter would now be settled out of court. In fact, the case looks set to recommence in June or July, following further disclosure of documents by both sides. British taxpayers may be interested to know that, despite her being Argentinian, Bollaert's case is being financed by legal aid. "If the courts accept jurisdiction, you could be any nationality," her lawyer says.

● MICHAEL Broadbent, Christie's elegant head of wine, is fast becoming a national treasure. *Decanter* magazine has named him its "man of the year". "He has tasted more fine wine than anyone else in the world and, as a result, is irreplaceable," says Giles Kime, the magazine's editor. Kime became evasive, however, on the subject of Broadbent's role in the so-called Thomas Jefferson affair: the wine world's biggest scandal, which still rumbles on in Germany more than a year after it first broke. Christie's auctioned a bottle of 1787 *Chateau Lafite*, reputedly ordered by the American president, for the record price of £105,000, whereupon rumours surfaced that wines from the same source were fake.

Broadbent, representing Christie's, personally took another suspect bottle to the GSF laboratory in Germany for testing and, on being allowed a sip, pronounced the contents genuine. It turned out that as much as 40 per cent had been inserted in the 1960s or later.

SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

The Times has introduced the symbol ♿ to designate venues that have adequate wheelchair access and facilities.

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

LONDON

INDIANAPOLIS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: British conductor Raymond Leppard has been the maestro of Indianapolis for six years now, and has developed a handsome orchestra. The Americans are coming to London with Elgar's *Enigma Variations*, but they are also playing some user-friendly modern American music (William Schumann's *New England Triptych*) and the saccharine joys of Bruch's G minor Violin Concerto, with Dmitry Sitkovetsky as the soloist.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891), tonight, 7.30pm ♿

BALLET IMPERIAL: To mark the tenth anniversary of the death of George Balanchine, Covent Garden is reviving *Ballet Imperial*, the first of his works to enter the Royal Ballet repertoire. This revival will be performed in the original version which he created in America in 1941 and taught to the then Sadler's Wells Ballet in 1950; Eugene Berman's designs for Sadler's Wells will be recreated by Anthony Dowell. *Ballet Imperial* is part of a triple bill that includes Bintley's popular *Still Life at the Penguin Café* and MacMillan's elegiac *Gloria*.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066), tonight, 7.30pm. ♿

ROOTS SALUTES THE SAXOPHONE: A veritable feast for saxophone lovers is offered by this supergroup of musical heavyweights including hornmen Arthur Blythe, Nathan Davis, Chico Freeman and Sam Rivers and pianist Don Pullen.
Union Chapel, Upper Street, N1 (071-916 2200), tonight, 7.30pm. ♿

APOLLO SAX QUARTET: This award-winning young ensemble performs contemporary works from composers as diverse as Michael Nyman and Django Bates. Nyman's new work, *Songs for Tony*, receives its world premiere on the tour.
Purcell Room, South Bank (071-928 8800), tomorrow, 8pm.

THE QUEEN OF SPADES: For years the opera was considered a poor relation of the ever-popular *Eugene Onegin*, but recently it has come into its own, to be recognised as the peak of Tchaikovsky's operatic achievement. This is thanks in no small part to outstanding performances by the Kirov Opera and Glyndebourne. The ENO production is not quite on that level, but the dramatic music is passionately conducted by Sian Edwards. The final performance is tonight.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161), tonight, 7.15pm. ♿

REGIONAL

CAMBRIDGE: *Berenice*, a fine Handel opera about the amorous intrigues of the ancient Egyptians, is rarely performed today except for the minuet from the overture. The ever-enterprising Cambridge University Opera Society has revived the whole thing with Ann Mackay in the title role.
University Music School, 11 West Road (booking: 0223 352001), tomorrow, Sun, 7pm.

GLASGOW: The Irish band **Hothouse Flowers** has had no problems with the traditionally difficult third album. *Songs from the Rain* once again combines folk and rock with arresting results.
Barrowlands (041-552 4601), tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm

CAMBRIDGE: *The Seven Silences of Salome*, a new ballet by the Portuguese choreographer Olga Roriz, is the high point of **English National Ballet**'s national tour and marks Roriz's British choreographic debut. The piece forms part of a mixed bill.
Corn Exchange, Wheeler Street (0223 357851). Tonight, tomorrow, 8pm. ♿

LEEDS: Opera North dusts off Ponchielli's opera *La Gioconda*, rarely staged these days, but a lyrical feast if the singers meet its considerable vocal demands. This cast includes Rosalind Plowright and Sally Burgess; production and designs are by Philip Prowse.
Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggate (0532 459351/440971), tonight, Tues, 7.15pm. ♿

CARDIFF JAZZ FESTIVAL: A fine line-up of musicians including saxophonist Courtney Pine (Coal Exchange, tomorrow, 8.30pm), guitarist Martin Taylor (Celtic Bay Hotel ♿, Mon, 5.30pm) and cornettist Warren Vaché (Norwegian Church, tomorrow, 7pm) ensures an excellent and varied weekend of jazz.
Cardiff Jazz Festival (0222 340591), tomorrow-Sun.

CHICHESTER: The 1993 season opens with Tony Britton playing the Bishop of Chelsea and Dorothy Tutin the clairvoyant Mayoress, heading a strong cast for Shaw's *Getting Married*, directed by Frank Hauser.
Festival, Oaklands Park (0243 781312). Previews from tonight, 7.30pm; opens Wed, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm, until May 15, then in repertoire with *Relative Values*. ♿

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

◪ **ARCADIA:** Tom Stoppard in sparkling form brings together love, chaos theory and much else. Excellent cast includes Felicity Kendal and Emma Fielding.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.15pm 180mins. ♿

☐ **AS YOU LIKE IT.** Kate Buffery and Peter de Jersey find love under the greenwood tree in David Thacker's thinnish revival.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm 180mins ♿

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS.** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in LA and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

■ **CRAZY FOR YOU:** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*. Exceptional entertainment value.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins. ♿

☐ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC.** Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

◪ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA:** Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in Rattigan's well-staged but so old-fashioned drama.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm 140mins.

☐ **FOR SERVICES RENDERED**
Somerset Maugham in angry mood, lashing the hypocrisy surrounding the first world war. Sylvia Syms in well-observed revival, transferred from the Salisbury Playhouse.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm 150mins ♿

◪ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON**
Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm 165mins.

■ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST** Maggie Smith commands the bridle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

☐ **THE INVISIBLE MAN** Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. Paul Kiev's magic tricks are amazing.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **A JOVIAL CREW:** Max Stafford-Clark's marvellous discovery of a play about the lure of the vagabond life, written on the eve of the Civil War.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm 150mins. ♿

☐ **THE LAST YANKEE** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Previewing eves, 7.45pm; opens Tues, 7.45pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. ♿

☐ **LION IN THE STREETS:** Canada, specifically Toronto, as a jungle where beasts destroy the weak: powerful stuff.
Hampstead, Avenue Road, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm, 130mins. ♿

☐ **MISERY:** Julie T. Wallace and Nigel Le Vaillant in nonsensical but chilling production of Stephen King's thriller.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm 150mins. ♿

☐ **NO MAN'S LAND:** Paul Eddington and the author in tense, sharply comic Pinter. Riveting stuff
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm 130mins.

☐ **ON THE PISTE.** John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

☐ **THE TREATMENT.** Martin Crimp's eccentric look at New York and the treachery of movie makers: effective only in patches
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm 135mins.

☐ **TRELAWNY OF THE 'WELLS':** Helen McCrory a fine heroine in goodish though sometimes slow staging by John Caird
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 190mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ◪ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ■ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ☐ **An Ideal Husband**: Globe (071-494 5065) ... ◪ **It Runs in the Family**: Playhouse ♿ (071-839 4401) ... ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◪ **Kiss Of The Spider Woman**: Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) ... ☐ **Lost In Yonkers**: Strand (071-930 8800) ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ■ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ☐ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ◪ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **ALIVE** (15): A terrific plane crash, then it's slowly downhill for this true-life story of survival and cannibalism in the Andes. With Ethan Hawke, Vincent Spano, director, Frank Marshall.
Empire ♿ (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** ♿ (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** ♿ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (071-792 3332).

MEDITERRANEO (15): Misfit soldiers forget the second world war on a Greek island outpost. Affectionate, well-acted, light as air. Director, Gabriele Salvatore.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520).

THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD (12): Timid version of Dickens's novel, with Robert Powell as the cathedral musician obsessed with his nephew's fiancée. Director, Timothy Forder.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

◆ **NATIONAL LAMPOON'S LOADED WEAPON 1** (PG): Juvenile spoof of the *Lethal Weapon* series. Gene Quintano directs Emilio Estevez.
MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (071-792 3332)

RUBY CAIRO (15): Andie MacDowell follows the trail of her shady pilot husband. Globe-trotting potboiler that ultimately goes nowhere. With Liam Neeson, director, Graeme Clifford.
Plaza (071-437 1234/437 9999).

CURRENT

◆ **ACCIDENTAL HERO** (15): Promising satire on hero worship, marred by a grating Dustin Hoffman performance and a director (Stephen Frears) not in total control. Starring Andy Garcia, Geena Davis.
Barbican ♿ (071-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (071-792 3332).

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet. With Daniel Auteuil, Emmanuelle Béart, André Dussollier.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Gate** ♿ (071-727 4043) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

INDOCHINE (12): Love in a hot climate. A trite plot, but Catherine Deneuve and gorgeous images carry the day. Director, Regis Wargnier.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

◆ **LEAP OF FAITH** (PG). Steve Martin's evangelical conman finds his match in drought-stricken Texas. Hard-going drama: with Debra Winger, Liam Neeson. Director, Richard Pearce.
MGM Trocadero ♿ (071-434 0031).

◆ **MR SATURDAY NIGHT** (15): Some tart jokes, but a mostly exhausting, combat vehicle for Billy Crystal (as an old-time comic in his twilight years). With David Paymer; Crystal also directs.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Hill** ♿ (071-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (071-792 3332).

◆ **ONE FALSE MOVE** (18): Excellent rural film noir from director Carl Franklin. Bill Paxton as the Arkansas sheriff faced with two fleeing drug dealers and a tantalising moll. With Cynda Williams, Billy Bob Thornton.
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

ORLANDO (PG): Virginia Woolf's exuberant novel about a free spirit (Tilda Swinton) who lives for 400 years, changing sex en route, filmed with great aplomb by British director Sally Potter.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Plaza** ♿ (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

THE QUINCE TREE SUN (U): Spanish artist Antonio López strives to capture a quince tree on canvas. Victor Erice's magical meditation on art and nature.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

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THEATRE: Defoe's heroine turns up with borrowed tunes but without much excitement

Modern and manicured Moll

Moll Flanders — A Musical
Lyric, Hammersmith



Clean crew: Darryl Knock (left), Martyn Ellis, Josie Lawrence, Peter Woodward. Drawing by Bill Hewison

DRAMATISTS pen the oddest programme notes. Here is Claire Luckham, who wrote the book for this musical version of *Moll Flanders*, wondering what she would say if she met Daniel Defoe in a pub. "Imagine sitting opposite him," she gushes. "Him asking questions: 'Are you still defined by your sex?' And me answering. Imagine filling Defoe in on contraception." Would he, she asks, hurl his drink at her and yell insults?

If she kept talking like that, as characters sometimes do in her libretto, he would probably remember another of his protagonists and plead a sudden engagement on a desert island. Yet he would not be displeased enough to throw Luckham's carrot juice in her face. She has, after all, remained pretty faithful to his pseudo-confessional novel, or at least to the events Moll fake-piously remembers. Still, he might think the musical lacking in colour and energy. As a robust 17th-century Londoner, he might find it a bit, well, clean.

At times this is literally so. What has happened to the debauched population of the Mint, where Moll takes shelter, or to the rough tars in the port where she finds one of her many husbands? They all look as if they have been first to a sauna, then to a barber, then to a manicurist. Nor do the chains and nooses that fall from the flies, or the smoke that wafts out of the wings, do much to add menace, danger or anything real to Sally Crabb's set, which mostly resembles an overblown toy theatre.

Considering this is a low-life tale of Newgate, highwaymen and pickpockets, Peter James's production is strangely short on atmosphere. Even transportation seems a pleasanter option than, say, a package holiday in modern Florida: and cheaper too.

True, the novel has its upbeat moments, plenty of them. Perhaps it is not too terrible a liberty to present the family in which Moll becomes a maid as a bunch of yelping nobs who mince about holding the hares or grouse they have shot, or to reduce the gentleman she meets at Bath into a jolly blob in a green-and-white striped bathing suit, with matching sandals. This does, after all, aspire to be a popular musical. But when the mood darkens in the second half, and Josie Lawrence's likable Moll turns from vamping to stealing, it does not make it easier to believe or to care.

Clearly, Luckham wants us to do both. For her, Moll is a woman forced by "society", as she more than once calls this hornets' nest, to survive by means of her body, her wits, or both. To some extent this is the way Defoe sees her too. Not only does he mention money on almost every page: he sympathises with Moll's mercenary wiles, such as luring male wasps to her jamjar by spreading false rumours that she is secretly rich.

But in a cast that also includes Peter Woodward and Clare Burt, only Angela Richards's sinister Mother Midnight has much bite. Moreover, Luckham can be pretty plonking when it comes to propagating her enlightened views, as can the lyricist, Paul Leigh: "the world of trade be damned, the world of men be damned . . ."

But the lyrics, which are often sharp and catchy, do not pose the same problem as George Stiles's music, which (as he concedes in the programme) is borrowed from *The Beggar's Opera*, with the odd gesture towards Handel and Purcell. "Greensleeves", "Over the Hills" and other tunes are instantly recognisable: and that invites comparisons, especially since Gay's opera is now playing on the other side of London, at the Barbican. Where is the satiric force in this *Moll Flanders*? Where is the coarse vitality? Nowhere much.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

New name, new voice

Fat Souls
Warehouse, Croydon

THERE is simply no mistaking a new voice in the theatre. The evidence is not restricted to what the characters say: in this case, a fancy use of street argot veering into rhymed couplets, no less; and veering that way, not to carry some elevated thought, but any old time, just whenever James Martin Charlton, the 26-year-old author, likes the idea.

Nor is it necessarily what his characters do that announces a writer's arrival. Charlton's central character is a fat lump of a girl who learns to brave the sneers of fellow workers in her first office job; she encounters happiness, loses it, and maybe at the end finds relief tending her lover's garden. Well, this is original but not tremendously so. The use Charlton makes of masks is novel. *Masks?* Yes, the play is about hiding behind them and taking them off, which is certainly uncommon. But not unmistakable proof of quality.

This proof comes from the charge that animates the cast. Whether playing bully, siren, nerd, saint, boss or fat lump — a captivating performance by Joanna Brookes — the actors know this is good meat to sink their creative teeth into. The director, Ted Craig, knows it, and everybody involved — audience, too — shares that confidence.

The play won the 1992 South London Playwriting Festival, an oddly-named event, since one of the entries came from Africa, though this is undeniably south of London. The name refers to Craig's theatre, which judges the entries and stages the winner. He is doing his playwrights, and the theatre at large, a fine service.

The adventures of Fat Mags are performed within and in front of a metal pyramid (designer: Michael Pavelka), equipped with sliding panels and an upper level. Mags is first seen in a pose resembling a Rokeby Venus who has overdosed on doughnuts, morosely criticising her heavy thighs and bouncing breasts. However, cheerfulness keeps breaking through. "Positivity," she declares, snapping home the elastic of her tights and setting off for her job interview.

Doubts unnerve her and she puts on her transparent half-mask, to hide her vulnerable self. All but one of the people she meets are masked, removing them when speaking from the heart, but sliding them into position when anxiety defends itself by posing.

Charlton knows that many people in the world are nasty, brutish and short-tempered. He gives them ugly feelings to express, and their habit of speaking in short, rhythmic phrases, something like pentameters, unselfconsciously posturing, elevates them to super-realist status.

Charlton's is a quirky, assured creative voice, edging at times towards sentimentality but consistently theatrical. Among those who seize the opportunities he offers are James Arlon and Roger Monk, particularly brutish, Daniel Matthews and Derek Wright.

JEREMY KINGSTON

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TELEVISION REVIEW: **Lynne Truss**

Flashbulb mugging

True Stories
Channel 4

THE best thing about Victor Malafronte was his name. To the literal-minded person reared on Restoration dramatis personae, it neatly conjured a person who is ill-intentioned ("mal"), who affronts people ("afronte" — er, please don't write in about this), and who gets away with it ("victor"). Last night's rather disagreeable *True Stories*, entitled *Blast 'Em*, featured the working practices of the man who inhabited this name, and a nasty foul-mouthed little chancer was precisely what he turned out to be — a member of Manhattan's mad dog paparazzi who shouts, scuffles, dodges and shoulder-butts his way through the flashbulb mob ("Harvey! Over here!") just to get a saleable shot of Paul Newman looking pale and moon-faced in a limo.

It was ghastly to watch, but transfixing. This highly aggressive picture-grabbing was violence without physical contact, assault without touching, and gave a whole new meaning to the term "mug shot": "If they don't pose," said Malafronte, "I'm just gonna have to start shooting." While there are certain dirty jobs that, oh well, someone's got to do; there are others that are just dirty. Malafronte's own view was interestingly double-edged: he despised the whole stupid business, yet also spat with rage when celebrities did not co-operate. Diplomacy was not his strong point either. "Ray Liotta!" he exploded, as the actor obligingly posed for the cameras. "Who gives a shit about that?"

If this was the cutting edge, then give me a seat at the back where it's soft and comfy. Some of this was very funny, but I was much too horrified to laugh. A running theme in the film was Malafronte's own personal Moby Dick — his obsessional pursuit of the big white wotsit — but it stopped short of magnificence, this fixation, once you realised that its object was the itsy-bitsy superstar Michael J. Fox. Talk about bathos. Malafronte swore he would nail Fox: but then again he swore about everything. "It takes f...ing six months for me to f...ing get this guy," he said (characteristically heedless of the split infinitive). Staking out the Fox family's apartment block, he cunningly disguised himself in white shorts and a beany-hat: but this André Agassi outfit somehow only emphasised the lean hungry rodent look beneath. In fact I was sure I glimpsed a long black tail poking out from the waistband.

The point about the paparazzo is that he prides himself on the very thing he ought to be ashamed of. Director of *Blast 'Em*, Joseph Blasioli, interviewed the New York photographer who tracked down Greta Garbo and got the last ever picture of her. The shot became famous: an old lady in the back of a car, feebly wielding a stick and looking shocked at the intrusion. And naturally, when she died shortly after, he felt no remorse. On the contrary, he felt like "the luckiest guy in the world".

When the words, "Why do you think you've got the right?" were put to Malafronte, he stopped swearing, weaving and cat-calling for the briefest of moments, tried to consider the matter in all its ethical complexities, and gave up. "I don't think about questions like that," he said. "I just go out and do it. You're confusing me."

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David Nicolson finds there are still die-hards learning to play real instruments



Archetypal hero: the late Jimi Hendrix, who played his instrument left-handed and upside down, remains a model for guitarists

This weekend, the Guildhall of Newcastle-upon-Tyne is the venue for the third North East Guitar Festival. It is a vintage-guitar show with a popularity indicative of a trend for returning in spirit to the early days of rock. Hundreds of people are expected, with hundreds more at the Northern Music Show later in May.

Guitars from 20 and 30 years ago, such as the Fender Stratocaster, Gibson Les Paul and d'Angelico, are highly sought after and are being used, bought and hired out to up-and-coming bands. Guitar magazines and musicians alike are retracing the history of the instrument back to a pre-microchip golden era when life was less complicated — when guitarists just clambered on stage, plugged into an amplifier and started to play.

Electric guitars which fetched modest prices ten years ago are now seen as secure investments. Such is the interest in vintage guitars that even collectors who cannot play a note or strum a chord are becoming interested.

A Gibson Les Paul Flametop, as played by Guns N' Roses guitarist Slash, would have cost in the region of £2,000 to £3,000 in 1983. Today it can command a price of as much as £20,000. Even the Hofner violin bass guitar, as used by Paul McCartney — "a £50 guitar", according to John Coleman, co-organiser of the North East Guitar Show — now fetches as much as £3,000.

In their quest for a vintage-guitar sound, many artists are turning their backs on the technological advances of the 1980s: complex amplifiers and digital processors. What you may have heard at a concert just ten years ago was the diluted and touched-up result of computer-synthesis, rather than raw guitar, a sound now associated with the Seattle Sound, or "grunge".

Virtuoso guitarists such as Jeff Beck and Gary Moore have recently released albums which pay homage to the blues guitar and to their own guitar heroes. Eddie Allen, deputy editor of the monthly magazine *Guitarist*, points out that Beck recorded his new album as a tribute to Gene Vincent and the Blue Caps' guitarist Cliff Gallup.

"A lot of guitar players are going back to the 1960s and 1970s, partly as a result of losing their identity through what I call 'bee in a jam jar' or 100mph guitar playing," he says. Charismatic old-style guitar playing needed to be brought to the fore, according to Allen, because some recording labels assembled their own guitar "stables" and "you would be hard pressed to tell the difference between them, because they all tended to sound the same."

Dave Burrluck, reviews editor of *The Guitar Magazine*, goes further. He maintains that if bands want to recreate the sounds of the 1970s they have to play guitars from that era. "And many bands in the 1970s were playing guitars made in the 1950s."

In a recent interview in *Guitarist*, Frank Black (formerly Black Francis of The Pixies, and one of the gurus of the whole Seattle sound) said: "For recording I just use anything that works. Getting a guitar sound is such a problem because the other frequencies are being used up [by other instruments]. So you end up using combinations of guitars."

Another guitarist who uses lots of different vintage guitars is Lenny Kravitz, currently in the charts with "Are You Gonna Go My Way": if you are old enough to recognise Hendrix references then you would, at least, be in the correct era. Kravitz has been using the Beatles' original mixing desk in conjunction with a computer, a marriage made in recording studio heaven.

He has also drawn on his massive collection of vintage guitars and vintage valve amplifiers to get back to where he thinks his music belongs. The guitars in his collection include a Les Paul Gold Top, a Fender Jaguar, a Gibson SG and a Gibson Flying V. As memorabilia, these guitars and those played by Hendrix are almost priceless.

Hendrix's very style of playing is also a heavy influence for many 1990s guitarists. They have rejected the microchip, and attempt instead to recreate Hendrix's pre-technology experimentation, preferring to chase real, gritty sounds. These players would prefer to go back to the days when a player would, for example, knock around his amplifier to achieve an effect rather than relying on a ready-primed digital effects pedal.

Perhaps just as important is the return of the Watkins Electric Music (WEM) Copicat, the original guitar echo-chamber. Clive Morton, an organiser of guitar and music trade shows around the country, says: "The WEM Copicat was and is a rather crude contraption, but it is the device that gave guitars an echo sound. The original echo chamber, it virtually disappeared when synthesizers came in. It has now been relaunched."

Vox, the amplifier maker, is also sentimentalising the great days of rock 'n' roll with its current advertising campaign: "Vox: it's what's happening . . . again!" It claims that one of its amplifiers is "as rich in sound and style as the very history of rock 'n' roll".

Not everybody is either able or willing to re-embrace the sound, the skills and the technology of the Fifties. Record companies and radio stations are bombarded with demos and DAT (digital audio tape) recordings from young hopefuls who record tracks using synthesizers and portable consoles in their own homes.

Paul Patten, a disc-jockey on Manchester's Sunset Radio, devotes part of his five-nights-a-week show to new talent. He explains: "It's more cost effective for bands who haven't yet been signed to use lots of samples to save money. Having heard their tapes, you expect to meet seven or eight people when a band are invited in: instead there are three people: one singer and two computer-literate DJs."

Dance band Sunscreem, responsible for such hits as "Pressure" and "Broken English", may have a guitarist — Darren Woodford — who uses a classic vintage Gibson Les Paul, but it is the unconventional way he plays that seems to exemplify a broader trend. Britain's appetite for nostalgia might be correct: they don't really make them like that any more.

● The North East Guitar Show, *at the Guildhall, Newcastle, is on Sunday, (10am-6pm) and Monday (10am-5pm). £2 admission, £1 if you bring a guitar.* The Northern Music Show '93 *is at Manchester's G-Mex Centre on Saturday, May 15 (10am-6pm) and Sunday, May 16 (10am-5pm). Admission £5.*

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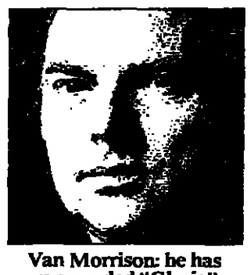
OUT & ABOUT

NEXT WEEK

BOOK: Mick Jagger. *Primitive Cool* by Christopher Sandford (Gollancz £16.99), published on Thursday, is an unauthorised biography that promises to shed new light on the "contradictory nature" of Jagger's personality and his "controversial friendships" with Princess Margaret and Margaret Trudeau.

RADIO: Virgin 1215. Britain's first national commercial pop radio station takes to the (medium) airwaves at 12.15 today, with Richard Skinner. We are promised an exciting, non-stop diet of album rock for grown-ups, although test transmissions have erred on the side of caution.

SINGLES: Van Morrison, in "Gloria" (Exile/Polydor 861 945) has come up with a



Van Morrison: he has re-recorded "Gloria"

bullish reworking of the old Them standard, featuring John Lee Hooker.
Robert Plant's "29 Palms" (Fontana FATEX 1) has a genteel pumping beat, acoustic guitars, timpani and a pseudo-country chorus.

TELEVISION: In *Souled Out* (Channel 4, Tues, 9pm) rock journalist Tony Parsons rehearses his "pop is dead" argument again. They don't write songs like they used to, kids today prefer computer games, etc.

GLITTERING PRIZE: Record company nominations are now being accepted for the 1993 Mercury Music Prize to honour the album of the year. The short list of 10 albums will be announced on July 22, and the winning album on September 8. Last year's winner was *Screamadelica* by Primal Scream.

RECORDS: New Order and Terence Trent D'Arby

Refining their small but perfectly formed talents

NEW ORDER
Republic (London 828413)

LIKE the drunks and babies of popular myth, who are supposed miraculously to survive all manner of life-threatening falls, New Order have somehow emerged unscathed from the wreckage of Factory records while remaining utterly unaffected by the rise and demise of Manchester as a fashionable centre of excellence. Not only that, but even a four year hiatus, given over to questionable solo projects and morale-sapping prevarication, has failed to prise their collective finger from the contemporary music pulse.

Republic is another elegantly sculpted, vaguely nonconformist collection of songs, deftly balanced on the interface of dance and pop. Once again the band demonstrates an uncanny ability to recognise and absorb the essence of new trends while ignoring the fashionable flotsam thrown up in their wake. With the techno-dance effects of "Spooky", the choppy piano chords and twitchy bass of "Young Offender" and the ambient synthesizer sounds in "Chemical", they comfortably embrace the musical textures of the rave culture they did so much to inspire, but never at the expense of a suave melody or a gracefully poised chorus.

The album was written and produced in close collaboration with Stephen Hague, an acolyte of the Pet Shop Boys, and technically it is New Order's most accomplished recording yet, thanks in large part to a remarkably versatile performance by keyboard player Gillian Gilbert. Bernard Sumner's reedy voice remains a feeble instrument, but on tracks such as "World", "Times Change" and "Liar" he conjures a mixture of melody and weary melancholy like the missing link between the Human League and the Pet Shop Boys.



New Order: Suave melodies, gracefully poised choruses

TERENCE TRENT D'ARBY
Terence Trent D'Arby's Symphony Or Damn
(Columbia 473561)

IN THE wake of his multi-million selling debut, Trent D'Arby's last album, *Neither Fish Nor Flesh* (1989), was a failure of such proportions that his career might never have recovered.

While making no apologies, this time around D'Arby has clearly resolved to modify his wilder musical ambitions and get to the point. This is a long collection of soul-rock songs all dedicated to various objects of his amorous affections.

The lyrics are ludicrous — "She was a paragon of soft scented Chinois curls/We stood with nothing on/As we watched my flag unfurl", he croons above a mock-Spanish chord sequence in "Castilian Blue" — but perhaps this means he is also taking himself less seriously than before.

OZRIC TENTACLES
Jurassic Shift
(Dovetail DOVE 6)

IT HARDLY seems possible, but a crusty, five-piece band of retro-hippies called Ozric Tentacles are rapidly finding favour with the bright, young taste-makers of today by rediscovering the jamming techniques and questing spirit of jazz-rock fusion.

Of course, they don't call it anything so incriminating, preferring to emphasise the nouveau-psychedelic aspects of the music and the New Age lifestyle of a group convened at a free festival in 1983. But anyone familiar with the output in the 1970s of Steve Hillage, Gong, Billy Cobham, Jan Hammer, Bill Bruford and Magma should find much to enjoy in instrumental music of fiery vitality, extraordinary expertise and faintly dopey logic.

DAVID SINCLAIR

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	Bang!	World Party (Ensign)
2	Rid Of Me	PJ Harvey (Island)
3	Cliff Richard — The Album	Cliff Richard (EMI)
4	Get A Grip	Aerosmith (Geffen)
5	Automatic for the People	R.E.M. (Warner Brothers)
6	The Bodyguard	Various artists (Arista)
7	Ten Summoner's Tales	Sting (A&M)
8	Duran Duran	Duran Duran (Parlophone)
9	So Close	Dina Carroll (A&M PM)
10	The Infotainment Scam	The Fall (Cog Sinister/Permanent)

List compiled by MRIB

NEW WAVES

An insider's guide to the Next Big Thing

Just as the world is getting used to the idea of ragga singles filling the charts and grunge on the catwalks, along comes another phenomenon to decipher. Like ragga, the sound is young and black, but there the similarities end.

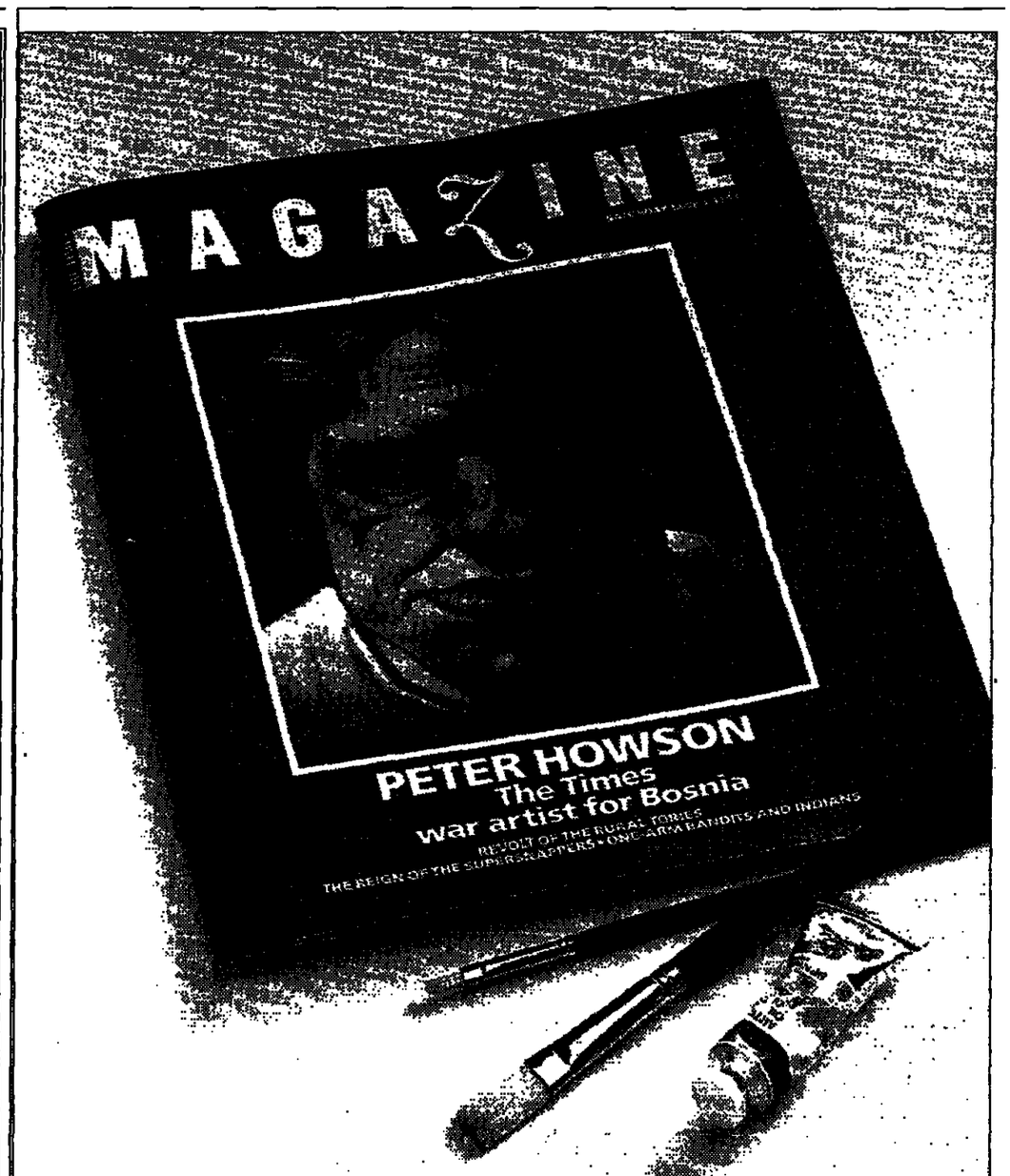
The new sound is soul. Hardly new, you point out with some justification. But this is not a revival of ageing singers suffering from heartache and mature woes. "Ghetto soul", and this is the unfortunate genre classification that threatens to stick to the movement, is a young thing, a group thing, a pop thing.

Encouraged by the success of En Vogue and Boyz 2 Men, more recent American acts such as Jade and Silk are racing up the British charts. Will SWV follow them? Having sold half a million copies of their single, "I'm So Into You", in America so far, the odds are fairly high.

SWV is an acronym for Sisters with Voices, a parody of NWA's more abrasive Niggers With Attitude. Abrasive this music is not, being a slick update of a sound that has been a central source of black music — from doo-wop to the soft soul of the Seventies — for more than four decades.

Coko, Taj and Lelee of SWV may not yet be the equals of The Temptations, but their fusion of Stevie Wonder-style melody, sweet vocal harmonies and thumping dance beats negotiates a confident path between the aggression of hip-hop and the blandness of middle-aged soul. Remixed by Teddy Riley, "I'm So Into You" is a safer bet than the Grand National and offers considerably more by way of satisfaction.

DAVID TOOP



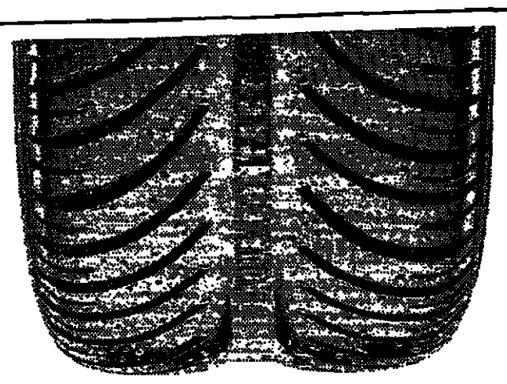
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Caravan drivers can infuriate other road users as they lumber along. Vaughan Freeman finds, however, that they are a maligned breed

This bank holiday weekend sees the return to the roads of one of the most vilified minorities in motoring, the caravan driver, back after the winter lay-off and ready to grapple again with such caravanning gremlins as "the snake" and "nose weight".

According to the British Tourist Authority, caravanning is second only to staying with friends or family as the most popular way of taking a holiday.

Non-caravan owners who are infuriated by the sight of a caravan ahead of them should, perhaps, bear in mind research which shows that the idea of caravan drivers as a hindrance on the road could be a myth. Aston University found that caravans did not hold up traffic but that the one single group of road users that did delay others was the school-run motorist.

The industry believes that there are about 750,000 caravans in Britain and that each year more than 200,000 owners take their caravans abroad. Something like £500 million-worth of new and used caravans are sold annually in Britain. Peter Frost, the spokesman for the Camping and Caravanning Club, says that membership was up 10 per cent last year, the number of people using sites increased and that income from caravan owners using the club's schemes while travelling abroad was up 50 per cent.

Mr Frost says that the recession has been good for the caravanning business because people who previously used their caravans only for weekend breaks now also use them for their main holidays. "In general terms, caravanning is growing. We have 200,000 members, half of whom are caravanners, and we believe it will grow further," he says.

The main attraction, Mr Frost says, is freedom. "Caravanning used to be a hobby in its own right. Now a caravan is used more as a base, for instance by people who want to take their children to the seaside, who want the solitude of fly fishing in Scotland or who want to go mountain biking or hill walking. Freedom is the essence of it."

Market research shows that a significant proportion of those who holiday by caravan are engineers, doctors, lawyers and owners of their own businesses, are more likely to belong to the socio-economic classes A, B or C1, and are more likely to be middle-aged than young. Caravans can cost from £7,000 to £15,000 for a luxury five or six-berth unit. Site fees average £5 per night.

> When towing a caravan, it is important to think a long way ahead

To explore the world of caravanning, I joined Rob Willingale, the production director for the caravan builders Sprite, at Ford's Boreham testing track, near Chelmsford, in Essex. He says: "The main thing to remember when towing a caravan is that accelerating and braking take a bit longer and you have to think further ahead."

Driving a two-litre Ford Mondeo and towing a Sprite Super caravan, I was surprised at how normal everything was. Although take-off from a standing start was much slower and mid-range acceleration used for overtaking was seriously impaired, for the most part there was surprisingly little impact on the car's ability.

Even with four adults in the car, the Mondeo had no problems hauling the caravan to 80mph on the private test track. Braking was secure as the Sprite has its own braking system. During an emergency stop, at 60mph, car and caravan came to a halt in a perfectly straight line.

The nightmare for every caravan driver is "snaking", in which the caravan starts to weave from side to side. This is usually caused by poor weight distribution in the caravan which means that the "nose weight", which is the down force of the caravan on the car, is either too heavy or too light. Coaches and trucks can also trigger the snake by setting up sidewinds that buffet the outfit. Mr Willingale says: "Don't do anything quickly, apply the brakes very gently and keep car and caravan in a straight line, and the snaking will cure itself."

Corners need to be taken wider than usual with attention paid to the side nearest the curb so that the caravan does not hit anything. Reversing is a problem. After an hour knocking down traffic cones, I knew it would be faster, and simpler, to unhitch the caravan and push it into position to avoid dented bodywork.

Modern caravans are inherently stable and lighter than their predecessors. When coupled with modern two-litre cars they are well able to keep up with the traffic, subject to the law which restricts caravan drivers to 50mph on minor roads and 60mph on motorways.

Key caravanning rules:

- Load caravan with heaviest objects low down and over the axle.
- Nose weight should be between 50kg and 75kg.
- Caravan tyres and car tyres must be in good condition and at recommended pressures.
- Beware of buffeting winds when passing or being overtaken by large vehicles.
- Avoid braking sharply, especially going downhill.
- Speed limits for caravans are 60mph on motorways and 50mph on other roads and caravans cannot travel in the third lane.
- Carry a wheelclamp to immobilise your caravan.
- Before setting off check all lights on the caravan work.
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- *The Camping and Caravanning Club will supply a free information pack (0203 694995).*



You can take it with you: the recession has been good for caravanning with more people using their caravans for their main holidays

Smash-hit helpers on call

A new service offers aid for drivers after accidents

Britain's roads are among the safest in Europe, yet figures from the transport department show that last year more than 300,000 people were killed or injured in traffic accidents. Hundreds of thousands more people were involved in accidents which were not reported because they were relatively minor, *Vaughan Freeman writes.*

Statistically, it is almost inevitable that most of us will be involved in an accident during our motoring careers. And most accidents, even the most minor, result in the drivers involved facing mountains of paperwork. Yet, apart from our insurance cover, few of us are prepared for the bureaucracy that we will face in dealing with the aftermath of an accident.

Most insurance firms supply booklets containing instructions about what to do after an accident, which for the better organised drivers are useful additions to the glove box. Many motorists, though, are thrown into confusion after a smash.

Now a service is on the market to help drivers to cope when they are involved in accidents. Accidentcare will take responsibility for the form-filling process. It will also help with everything from insurance claims, police reports and the collection of damaged vehicles to arranging alternative transport. The company also organises for damaged vehicles to be repaired or for valuation and disposal if a car is a write-off.

Sachel Singh, Accidentcare's national sales manager, says: "In some ways an accident is like a bereavement; it is very traumatic and it seems nobody wants to know you at a time when you are most in need of help.

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Accidentcare, launched in January, has so far signed up with 35 insurance brokers. It also provides legal-expense insurance of up to £50,000 and a 24-hour legal helpline plus free seven-day car hire following an accident in which a car is immobilised.

The service, costing £19.95 a year, is available to those insured for third party only as well as to motorists with fully comprehensive insurance cover.

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As the V12 engine makes a comeback, Mercedes and BMW have a true rival in the fast lane

Jaguar springs its fastest cat ever

Few cars are as distinctive from the driver's seat as a Jaguar. Even if you were to cover the big-cat badges and discrete insignia, the low, sporting but supremely comfortable seating position, plus the lashings of walnut, chrome, hide and carpet would still whisper the name Jaguar, *Vaughan Freeman writes.*

The all-new Jaguar XJ12 feels so reassuringly familiar that it is hard to believe that it is the fastest saloon to have been produced by the Coventry manufacturer. Fears that Ford's ownership of Jaguar might be detrimental are laid to rest with the XJ12.

It has taken a long time for a new V12 engine to arrive, partly because the XJ12's much-cherished predecessor, the prettier but aging Series-3 which had a 5.3 litre V12, refused to die.

On top of which, Jaguar folklore has it that when the current series of XJ saloons was being designed, while Jaguar was part of British Leyland, the engine bay was constructed so that no other BL power unit could be fitted and be allowed to dilute the Jaguar image and character. This also meant that fitting Jaguar's new V12 required a total reworking of the car.

Only now has Jaguar been able to do the required work and develop the new six-litre V12 engine and so compete with the V12 model from Mercedes Benz and a V8 from BMW. The return of the bigger engines demonstrates the motor industry's ability to defy all predictions and fashions. Barely ten years ago the motoring world resigned itself to the end of V12 engines as they seemed no longer acceptable to a public wanting smaller, cleaner and greener machinery. Now they are back.

The XJ12 is certainly clean enough and meets the rigid Californian emission standards, the toughest in the world. The average of 17.9mpg, during mixed town and country driving, that my car returned, though, is hardly frugal.

This becomes unimportant once you are on the move. At motorway speed the engine is barely ticking over and only the passing scenery tells you the engine is working at all. The all-electric leather seats are wonderful, although the control buttons mounted on the transmission tunnel are fiddly and hard to reach when the seat is fully back. Dials are clear and easy to see beyond the steering wheel.

The car has two drive settings on the automatic gearbox, Normal and Sport. Normal is fast enough — the car takes off in second gear and you are quickly covering 50mph but you must then watch out for tremendous mid-range acceleration that quickly takes the unwary to 100mph. Speed builds up rapidly with power surging almost unnoticed.

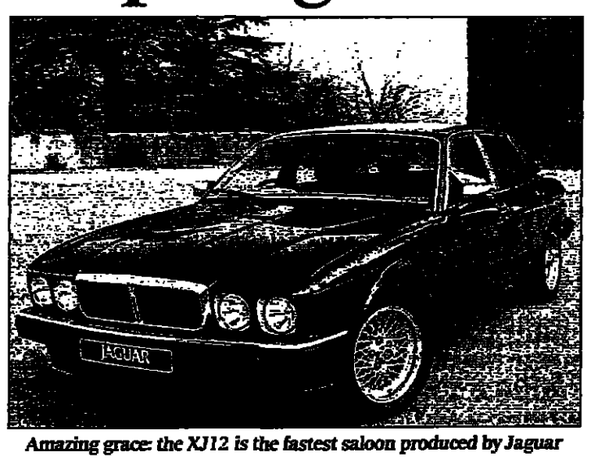
Push the little black button to Sport and the car responds even more quickly. Acceleration begins in first gear to make take off even more rapid and the gear changes occur at higher revs. Even the engine seems to sound more sporting. Ultra-wide 15in Dunlop tyres, plus uprated suspension, allow driving through tight bends at improbable speeds.

Controls for radio and compact disc player and for air conditioning and ventilation are straightforward, although the small button for cruise control can elude scrabbling fingers.

The quietness of the car on the move leads to nit-picking because noises that would otherwise not be noticed, such as an irritating squeak in a speaker, become irrationally annoying.

For a car likely to be chauffeur-driven, rear leg room is disappointing and the boot with spare wheel, fire extinguisher, first-aid kit, compact disc unit and manuals is surprisingly small. The most engaging thing about the car is that there is no temptation to fulfil its potential to travel at twice the legal speed limit. You tend instead to lap up the ride, happy to make the journey longer than necessary. On an empty and winding road the car adopts its second character, that of a fast sporting saloon with superb handling and responses.

Approximately 3,000 of the V12s and its sister car the Daimler 66 will be sold worldwide this year to further boost Jaguar sales that are are already improving. Sales were up 16 per cent overall in the first quarter of this year and, more significantly, up 29 per cent for the same period in the important American market. It is in America that the car must succeed, for Jaguar hopes that the market there will account for 40 per cent of total V12 sales.



Amazing grace: the XJ12 is the fastest saloon produced by Jaguar

THE FACTS

Car: Jaguar XJ12.
Engine: 6-litre V12 petrol giving 318bhp at 5,400rpm through four speed automatic transmission.
Performance: 155mph top speed and 0-60mph in 6.8 seconds.
Economy: 13mpg in town, 26.6mpg at 56mph, and 21.7mpg at 75mph
Price: £46,600

One of the most famous names in motor-cycling history is winning its war with the Japanese in a shrinking marketplace

A British Triumph of hope over adversity

Triumph motor cycles, once a world-famous name, are back on our roads. A new company, based in the Midlands, has in just three years established itself as Europe's most dynamic motor-cycle manufacturer. What is more, it has done so in a diminishing market place that has been dominated, for 20 years, by the Japanese. One of the keys to Triumph's success has been its willingness to learn from and co-operate with the Far East manufacturers.

The 1993 range of models illustrates another key to Triumph's rise from the ashes: the company's customer-led approach. Last year's top-of-the-range Trophy attracted criticism for the riding position. This year it has been changed. So, too, has the detail finish of the £5,949 three-cylinder Trident. Such flexibility was not a virtue of the old Triumph company and even Japanese factories, geared to massive world market consumption, cannot respond so quickly.

The original three-cylinder Triumph Trident was this country's last attempt to combat the Japanese motor-cycle industry in the early seventies. It came too late; by the time production difficulties had been ironed out, Honda had launched its four-cylinder CB750, and Kawasaki raised the stakes again with the even faster Z1 900cc model in 1973. Triumph, by this time in severe financial difficulties, was forced to close despite some government assistance.

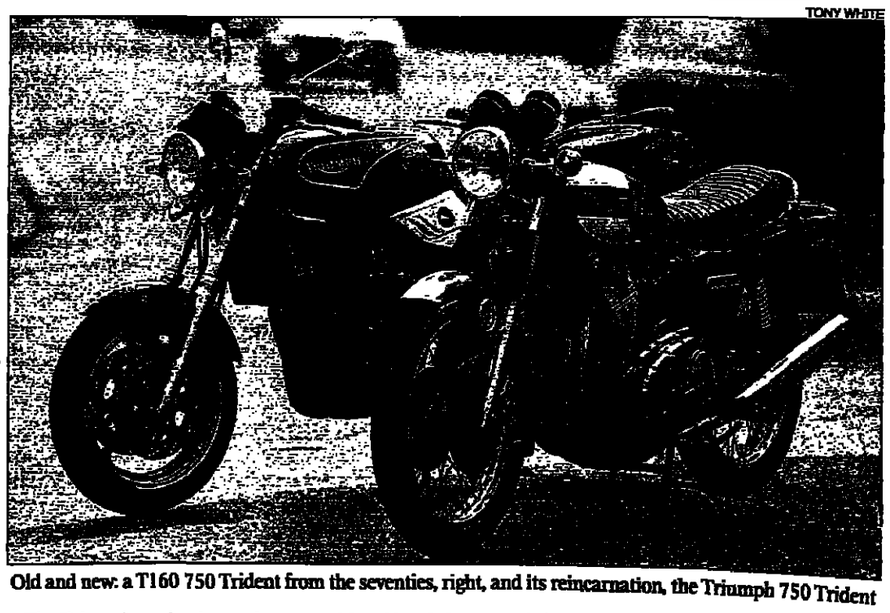
The Trident's name and engine configuration are the only references to the old Meriden-based concern that the company has allowed itself. The design and management teams behind the bikes knew from the first that good products are what sell, not old names. The approach has proved successful.

The Trident is one of an eight-bike range that has helped Triumph to raise its home market share from a first-year figure of 4 per cent to 7.5 per cent in 1992 and a projected 10 per cent this year. That is about 1,500 units for the UK market and another 4,500 for export, which will mean the Hinckley factory working at full capacity. Wholly owned subsidiaries have been established in France and Germany with independent importers catering for the Italian, Australian and Japanese markets.

The triple-engine concept is one that the Japanese have never seriously developed. The new model's three cylinders come in 750cc and 900cc sizes boasting double overhead camshafts, four valves per cylinder and liquid cooling. The 900cc especially has stirred the hearts of press and public with its smooth, liquid-like power delivery — a hallmark of the triple.

It is a tall bike with a 31in seat height that will not suit everybody. Once underway, however, the steering responds with a light, deft touch — as do the clutch, throttle and gearbox. Only the brakes mar an otherwise attractive package. The twin front discs demand a good squeeze of the handlebar lever and inform the rider poorly of their intentions to lock the wheel.

TONY WHITE



Old and new: a T160 750 Trident from the seventies, right, and its reincarnation, the Triumph 750 Trident

The Triumph engine is wonderfully responsive, leaping forward with eagerness above 6,000rpm. Once in this region, well-tuned ears will pick up a faint echo of the old Tridents in the peculiar exhaust report. Although unsuited to really high speeds due to the lack of fairing, the Trident is no slouch, reaching 60mph from standstill in about four seconds, and topping out at over 135mph.

Triumph is owned by the Midlands property tycoon John Bloor. He has invested some £80 million in the firm. If the past two years' models are anything to go on, it will be money well spent. And even though the project has relied on close co-operation with all the Japanese manufacturers, especially Kawasaki, and production equipment at the plant bears the name Toyota, the name on the tank is British and looks set to remain so

DAVID LANCASTER

ROADWISE

A green weekend

EUROPEAN barriers may have come down, but the RAC warns motorists heading to the Continent not to travel unless they have their Green Card insurance documents, since they could find themselves without cover.

Relying only on fully comprehensive insurance issued in the UK is not enough. Shelly Maxwell, the RAC spokeswoman, advises: "Contact your insurer either to get a Green Card or for confirmation that cover is extended abroad."

The long run

A 24-HOUR kart challenge beginning at noon on Sunday is the highlight of the Brooklands Museum Transport Festival this weekend. The challenge is in aid of the museum and the Amy Wales fund at Royal Brompton Hospital, London.

Visitors can see the Brooklands car and aviation displays and enjoy other attractions such as hot air ballooning. Admission: £4 adults, £2 children and £10 for a family ticket. Brooklands, Weybridge, Surrey, is 10 minutes from junctions 10 and 11 of the M25.

Coming soon

THE Saab 900 lives again. The Swedish car maker has just released this photograph of a new incarnation of the vehicle that carries the name of its predecessor, which is now being phased out.

The new Saab 900, with an engine range that includes a 190bhp two-litre turbo, will be unveiled at the Frankfurt motor show in September and



Still with us: the Saab 900

goes on sale in the United Kingdom in the autumn, when prices will be announced.

Going diesel

AUDI has reacted quickly to cope with the increased demand for diesel models and is to import more diesel 80 TDI saloons and estates priced from £14,740 to £16,955. The diesel boom is likely to give Audi a record year in the UK, with sales expected to top 21,000.

Sports wars

MAZDA this week knocked almost £7,000 off the price of its RX-7 turbo sports car as the war to win sales hotted up. The move comes shortly after Renault cut the cost of its 165mph A610 by £5,000. The 156mph RX-7 is down from £32,536 to £25,950.

Seconds out

ANALYSTS report that the used car trade is becoming sellers' market, with the prices for second hand cars rising. According to CAP nationwide motor research, "dealers, auctions, finance companies and other trade contacts report an upturn in all sectors of the market from cheapies to the more exotic and expensive models. The biggest complaint is the distinct lack of good, low-mileage one-owner cars."

Doldrums hold key to lifting depression

AT the inter-yacht chat show yesterday morning, 94 miles were all that divided the British Steel Challenge fleet as we approach the Equator during this final, tense stage of the race from Cape Town to Southampton.

Our yacht, Coopers & Lybrand, has dropped from third to tenth, and the slightest change of wind, swell or boat speed prompts intense questioning. Why are we losing miles? Why are we going so slowly?

At the moment, we are not on a roll. Everyone feels the loss of miles acutely. Our motivation is not strong and the heat does not help. We are a day away from crossing the Equator and it is very warm and humid. At times, the ice-cool Southern Ocean is recalled fondly — though not for long.

We are following a specific tactical path and trying to understand where the others are going, what risks they are taking and where they plan to cross the Doldrums. We all know that the first real break will come there, so until then we can only hope that we are aiming to cross at the right spot.



Coopers & Lybrand

Vivien Cherry reveals the soul-searching that follows a slump as the British Steel Challenge fleet nears the Equator and an important point in the round-the-world race

The mood on board swings in tune with our relative position within the fleet and the speed we are doing. Being tenth is depressing, but at least things can only improve. If they do not, then I understand that there is a good bar in the Cape Verde Islands...

For some reason, our yacht appears to go faster on starboard spinnaker gybe and we are trying to analyse why.

The boat has also suffered from a stomach bug. So far, ten of us have been hit by severe stomach cramps, sickness and the runs. After a strict cleanliness regime, there is an aroma of disinfectant pervading the boat, but it does seem to have done the trick.

Discussions and artistic talents have begun to focus on preparations for the "crossing the line" ceremony when we reach the Equator. Some of the crew are looking forward to the initiation of new members with considerable relish, which has caused some alarm. But it is all in jest — or at least most of it is.

The new crew members have settled in well and have even been heard to say they are enjoying themselves. Having experienced only typical trade wind conditions for the past two weeks, I do not think they believe our stories of the breaking rollers and intense cold in the Southern Ocean...

Some of the crew are getting to grips with the sextant. The operation of taking a sight is straightforward, as are the calculations, but the difficulty they have is understanding why it all works. In some cases it has been back to basic physics. Do you know why the sun appears larger at dawn and dusk?

It has been good to have some alternative mental exercises. The strain of this one-design racing is beginning to tell. It is easy when you are at the front of the fleet, but difficult to be objective or optimistic at the back.

LATEST POSITIONS (at 14:00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Southampton). 1, Commercial Union (R Merriweather) 3,545 miles; 2, British Steel II (R Tudor) 3,550; 3, Nuclear Electric (J Chittenden) 3,580; 4, Rhone-Poulenc (P Phillips) 3,561; 5, Heath Insured (A Donovan) 3,580; 6, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding) 3,583; 7, Interspray (P Jeffes) 3,603; 8, Hofbrau Lager (P Goss) 3,611; 9, Pride of Teesside (I MacGillivray) 3,617; 10, Coopers & Lybrand (V Cherry) 3,644.

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Wattana steps in to punish White's errors

By Phil Yates

JAMES Wattana exploited a multitude of mistakes from Jimmy White to build a 5-2 first-session lead in their best-of-31-frames Embassy world snooker championship semi-final at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield yesterday.

Although White, the runner-up in the championship for the last three years, has not been at his best in earlier matches, the woeful safety-play and ragged potting he produced against Wattana came as something of a shock. The experts who believed that White would rise to the occasion have, so far, been proved wrong.

White has won only eight of his 20 professional matches against Wattana but has usually prevailed when it mattered most. His victories include a 10-8 semi-final success in the 1991 World Masters and a 10-7 triumph in the final of last year's British Open.

Mindful of this, Wattana, who was also beaten 5-1 by White in the quarter-finals of last month's Asian Open in his native Bangkok, admitted beforehand that it was imperative to banish negative thoughts of those defeats. There was certainly no sign of apprehension from the Thai in the opening frame as he accumulated a 64 break from his first scoring opportunity. White made 27 in response only to miss an elementary pink, the first of many unforced errors.

White squandered two chances in the second frame, missed a black off its spot in the third and a weak safety shot contributed to his downfall in the fourth. Wattana, in contrast, compiled breaks of 47, 43 and 77 to move 4-0 ahead.

At 44-1 in the fifth frame, Wattana missed an ambitious long blue and presented White with a gilt-edged opening. With the reds perfectly fanned out and the colours occupying their nominated spots, he managed to accrue nine points. It was an unproductive visit symptomatic of the way the afternoon had progressed.

With the situation rapidly approaching crisis point, White's last red-to-pink clearance which ended the scrappy sixth frame in his favour could not have been more timely. A 60-1 win in the closing frame of the session brought some respectability to the overnight score and completed a late salvage operation.

However, serious doubts must remain about White's ability finally to capture that elusive first world title unless he can generate a significant improvement. Wattana, though, who is attempting to become the first non-British world champion since Cliff Thorburn, of Canada, in 1980, will be more than satisfied with how the opening salvos have been fired.

The other semi-final, the first all-Scottish affair in the 66-year history of the championship, began last night with Alan McManus charged with the onerous responsibility of arresting Stephen Hendry's relentless march to a third world title in four years.

While Hendry comes into the match relatively fresh after dominating his previous three encounters at the Crucible, McManus has taken the most arduous route possible to the semi-finals. After 23 hours at the table and stamina-sapping 13-11 victories over Steve Davis and Neil Foulds, McManus, 22, is in danger of suffering from mental burn-out.

Wilkinson plays lead role

From David Powell in Budapest

IT HAS been a long time since Britain had a men's singles player in the world's top 50, but Chris Wilkinson is determined to be the next. "That is my aim in the next two years." Wilkinson said yesterday after being called to play his first live rubber in the Davis Cup.

As Britain seek to return to the world group, Wilkinson has the task today of giving the team a winning start in the match against Hungary here. He plays Josef Kroschko, the Hungarian No 1, before Jeremy Bates tries to end his sequence of four successives defeats in Davis Cup singles when he faces Sando Noszaly, Hungary's second choice. The doubles is tomorrow and the reverse singles on Sunday.

To return to the top division of 16 nations, Britain must win their next two matches. Victory here would take them into the draw with the first-round losers from this year's world group and perhaps even a home tie with the United States. The rankings say Britain should beat Hungary, but the clay surface favours the home team.

Wilkinson, though, does not mind clay. He has more experience of it than most British players and certainly more than Mark Petchey, whose place he has taken. His form is good; his one concern is the court. In practice, he has found the bounce unpredictable.

However, by comparison with the stadium, the court is de luxe. The playing surface is supposed to be red, but not the grandstand's underbelly. Rust is rife in the decaying Margit Island stadium. Workmen have been working hard this week with their oxy-acetylene lamps patching up, yet still 2,000 of the 5,000 seats remain out of bounds, unsafe for spectators.

"They don't have anywhere else in this country," Tony Pickard, the British team captain, said. What must the Hungarians, adjusting to capitalism after suppression by Communism, think of the All England Club development programme announced last month? Unofficial estimates put it at not less than £50 million.



Upwardly mobile: Wilkinson has his sights set on the world's top 50. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Pickard expects Wilkinson "to do a good job". He has won two Davis Cup rubbers, but both were played with the match result decided. Three years ago, he was ranked 365th, rising to 220th in 1991 and 163rd in 1992. Should he make it into the top 50, he would be only the fifth Briton since rankings began in 1973 to do so, following Mark Cox, Roger Taylor, Buster Mottram and John Lloyd. Bates, with a best of 63rd five years ago, is now 77th, but is the only top-100 player in this weekend's tie.

MATCH DRAW (British names first): Today: Singles: C Wilkinson v J Kroschko, J Bates v S Noszaly. Tomorrow: Doubles: Bates and C Bailey v A Lanyi and L Markovits. Sunday: Singles: Bates v Kroschko; Wilkinson v Noszaly.

HAMILTON PARK

THUNDERER

2.15 Young Tess. 2.45 Raggerty. 3.15 Francis Ann. 3.50 High Romance. 4.20 Jimmy The Skunk. 4.50 Rosie Valentine. 5.20 White Willow.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.15 MAASTRICHT (nap).

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY IN PLACES) SIS

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 HOLY LOCH RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,511: 1m 65yd) (6 runners)

1 00-2 MAASTRICHT 11 (BF) W Haggas 9-0 ... G Duffield 1
2 0-05 PRIME PAINTER 11 R Fisher 9-0 ... D Nicholls 3
3 343 QUELQUE CHOSE 37 B Hills 9-0 ... K Darley 6
4 080- ROSMARINO 198 C Thornton 9-0 ... N Connorton 4
5 -040 WHITE CREEK 8 (V) J Berry 9-0 ... J Carroll 2
6 04-4 YOUNG TESS 15 Miss S Hall 8-9 ... S Webster 5

7-4 Maastricht, 9-4 Young Tess, 4-1 Quelque Chose, 7-1 Prime Painter, 10-1 White Creek, 16-1 Rosmarino.

2.45 PLUMB CENTER HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,655: 1m 65yd) (7)

1 200- AWESTRUCK 191 (F,S) W Haggas 9-7 ... G Duffield 3
2 0-12 THE PREMIER EXPRES 15 (CD,S) W Bentley 8-13 ... K Darley 2
3 00-1 RAGGERTY 11 (D,S) J Berry 8-6 (5ex) ... J Carroll 6
4 1136 TAKE YOUR PARTNER 37 (D) M Johnston 8-5 ... T Williams 4
5 56-4 CONTRACT ELITE 17 (BF,S) C Thornton 8-4 ... N Connorton 1
6 00-0 MILNGAVIE 23 (F) M Johnston 7-7 ... J Fanning 5
7 0-46 GOLD DESIRE 11 M Brittain 7-7 ... J Lowe 7

9-4 Raggerty, 7-2 The Premier Expres, 9-2 Contract Elite, 11-2 Awestruck, 8-1 Gold Desire, 10-1 Milngavie, Take Your Partner.

3.15 LEVY BOARD CLAIMING STAKES (£2,601: 6f 5yd) (4)

1 0- BAFFIE 179 P Monteith 4-9-7 ... N Connorton 1
2 1-02 DOKKHA OYSTON 15 (CD,G) J Berry 5-9-6 ... J Carroll 2
3 0052 NUTTY BROWN 3 (V) S Norton 3-8-10 ... D Pears (5) 4
4 060- FRANCIS ANN 178 (CD,S) Miss L Perratt 5-8-7 ... R Havlin (7) 3

4-5 Dokkha Oyston, 2-1 Nutty Brown, 4-1 Francis Ann, 25-1 Baffie.

3.50 FIRTH OF CLYDE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,795: 5f 4yd) (4)

1 01-0 CONVENIENT MOMENT 18 (D,G,S) J Berry 9-7 ... J Carroll 4
2 0554 SHADOW JURY 1 (D,F,G) D Chapman 9-6 ... K Darley 1
3 0-24 CLANROCK 17 R Whitaker 9-13 ... A Culhane 2
4 0-113 HIGH ROMANCE 1 (CD,S) G Moffatt 8-11 ... Darren Moffatt (7) 3

7-4 Clanrock, 9-4 High Romance, 3-1 Shadow Jury, 5-1 Convenient Moment.

4.20 LOCH GOIL CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,511: 5f 4yd) (4)

1 1 JIMMY THE SKUNK 28 (D,F) J Berry 8-6 ... J Carroll 1
2 PASSION SUNDAY M H Easterby 8-8 ... K Darley 4
3 KING ACRYLIC R Fisher 8-0 ... J Lowe 2
4 533 BATIEN'S RIVER 14 P Haslam 7-9 ... Dale Gibson 3

4-6 Jimmy The Skunk, 3-1 Batien's River, 4-1 Passion Sunday, 12-1 King Acrylic.

4.50 EBF LOCH STRIVEN MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,691: 5f 4yd) (3)

1 62 LYING EYES 22 W G M Turner 8-11 ... P McCabe (7) 3
2 63 ROSIE VALENTINE 4 S Norton 8-11 ... D Pears (5) 2
3 02 THE FERNHILL FLYER 11 J Berry 8-11 ... J Carroll 1

4-5 The Fernhill Flyer, 2-1 Rosie Valentine, 7-2 Lying Eyes.

5.20 LOCH LONG LIMITED STAKES (£3,590: 1m 3f 16yd) (6)

1 -612 GOLDEN TORQUE 13 (F,G,S) R Bastiman 6-9-12 ... H Bastiman (7) 3
2 62-0 GREAT MAX 36 (V,BF,F,S) M Jarvis 4-9-12 ... G Duffield 2
3 150/0- INVERTIEL 773 (D,F) P Monteith 9-9-12 ... N Connorton 6
4 20-6 TAKE BY STORM 17 G Moore 4-9-12 ... J Carroll 4
5 0-14 WHITE WILLOW 18 (C,G) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-12 ... K Darley 5
6 316- GHYLLDALE 190 (F,S) R Bastiman 5-9-7 ... A Culhane 1

11-8 White Willow, 11-4 Take By Storm, 7-2 Golden Torque, 9-2 Great Max, 25-1 Ghylldale, 33-1 Invertiel.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: W Haggas, 3 winners from 11 runners, 27.3%; Mrs M Reveley, 16 from 74, 21.6%; J Berry, 45 from 232, 19.4%; M Jarvis, 5 from 26, 19.2%; M H Easterby, 11 from 62, 17.7%; S Norton, 10 from 59, 16.9%.

JOCKEYS: J Carroll, 36 winners from 185 rides, 19.5%; K Darley, 34 from 221, 15.4%; R Havlin, 4 from 26, 15.4%; J Fanning, 15 from 111, 13.5%; D Nicholls, 20 from 151, 13.2%; N Connorton, 11 from 93, 11.8%.

NEWTON ABBOT

THUNDERER

2.10 Hymne D'Amour. 2.40 Circulation. 3.10 Dis Train. 3.45 Play The Blues. 4.15 Plastic Spaceage. 4.45 Grove Serendipity.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

2.10 FORT GEORGE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,284: 2m 1f) (8 runners)

1 5332 RIVER ISLAND 18 (D,BF,S) J Old 5-11-10 ... C Llewellyn
2 141P GRAND FRERE 213 (CD,F,G,S) M Pipe 7-11-0 ... R Dunwoody
3 6446 TEL E THON 13 (V,C,D,F,G) P Jones 6-10-13 ... D Leahy (5)
4 3011 HYMNE D'AMOUR 38 (F,G,S) Miss H Knight 5-10-9 ... J Osborne
5 5010 PUNCHBAG 6 (CD,S) G Ham 7-10-1 ... R Davis (5)
6 1503 ALOSAILI 20 (D,G) B Stevens 6-10-0 ... M Stevens (7)
7 1444 STEVEYVUL 20 C O'Neill 5-10-0 ... V Slattery (3)
8 5065 CHARCOAL BURNER 20 (C,S) Mrs J Renfree 9-10-0 ... M A Fitzgerald

9-4 Hymne D'Amour, 3-1 Grand Frere, 4-1 Punchbag, 6-1 River Island, 7-1 Alosaili, 10-1 Tel E Thon, 20-1 others.

2.40 TEIGNBRIDGE INDOOR BOWLS CENTRE AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,737: 2m 110yd) (8)

1 6333 UP-A-POINT 15 (D,F,G,S) P Hobbs 8-11-10 ... G Lewis (7)
2 4621 CIRCULATION 18 (D,G,S) D McCain 7-11-2 ... D McCain (5)
3 P/R6-P CORRARDER 101 (F) J Old 9-10-13 ... J Smyth-Osbourne (7)
4 2213 FRED SPLENDID 7 (CD,BF,S) R Hodges 10-10-6 ... A Thornton (3)
5 0304 SLIPPERY MAX 18 (D,F,G) P Eccles 9-10-4 ... Miss S Higgins (7)
6 2542 ROROCCO 35 (CD,F) Mrs S Williams 11-10-2 ... M Armytage
7 0634 COUNTERPUNCH 18 A Forte 9-10-0 ... M Smith (7)
8 -P54 WIMBLEBALL 29 (F,S) J Payne 12-10-0 ... R Payne (7)

3-1 Circulation, 4-1 Rorocco, 9-2 Up-A-Point, 5-1 Fred Splendid, 6-1 Slippery Max, 7-1 Wimbleball, 12-1 Counterpunch, 16-1 Corrarder.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 122 winners from 361 runners, 33.8%; J Edwards, 14 from 44, 31.8%; B Millman, 3 from 13, 23.1%; P Hobbs, 26 from 115, 22.6%; O Sherwood, 6 from 40, 15.0%; G Ham, 12 from 88, 13.6%.

JOCKEYS: N Williamson, 8 winners from 30 rides, 26.7%; D Bridgwater, 4 from 22, 18.2%; Peter Hobbs, 17 from 99, 17.2%; C Llewellyn, 9 from 53, 17.0%; S Mackey, 4 from 24, 16.7%; J Osborne, 6 from 38, 15.8%.

3.10 HOTLINE ELECTRIC FENCING NOVICES CHASE (£2,545: 2m 5f) (13)

1 R21B DIS TRAIN 23 (G,S) S Sherwood 9-11-9 ... J Osborne
2 1035 SNITTON LANE 23 (F,G,S) J Edwards 7-11-9 ... N Williamson
3 PRP6 BLACK HORSE LAD 7 (S) Mrs J Retter 9-11-4 ... M A Fitzgerald
4 P55U BLAKEINGTON 10 (B) N Mitchell 7-11-4 ... D Meade (7)
5 2543 CORNISH COSSACK 44 D Barons 6-11-4 ... R Davis (5)
6 00P2 DUCKHAVEN 10 (B,G,S) R Baker 10-11-4 ... W Irvine
7 0440 MALVERNIAN 30 Mrs H Parrott 7-11-4 ... Martin Jones
8 PP0P NO GUTS NO GLORY 7 W G Turner 6-11-4 ... H Davies
9 F4R5 ROMFUL PRINCE 8 (G,S) C Mitchell 10-11-4 ... D Bridgwater
10 5P2P TEMPORARY 23 R Frost 8-11-4 ... J Frost
11 340P AISHOLT 39 K Bishop 8-10-13 ... R Greene (3)
12 0536 MISHY'S STAR 14 A Forte 11-10-13 ... N Hawke
13 152- RING OF FORTUNE 335 (B,G,S) M Pipe 5-10-11 ... M Perrett

11-8 Dis Train, 15-8 Snitton Lane, 4-1 Ring Of Fortune, 14-1 Romful Prince, 16-1 Temporary, 25-1 others.

3.45 CLIVE MORGAN CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,614: 2m 1f) (5)

1 1644 PLAY THE BLUES 73 (F) R Frost 6-11-10 ... R Darke (3)
2 6304 GREAT IMPOSTOR 7 R Hodges 5-11-3 ... W Marston
3 3003 COBB GATE 20 B Stevens 5-11-0 ... M Stevens
4 R06 KATHY FAIR 135 R Baker 4-10-0 ... R Farrant
5 PP5P GRAND FELLOW 27 (B) A Forte 4-10-0 ... Tanya Braybrook (7)

2-1 Cobb Gate, 9-4 Great Impostor, 3-1 Play The Blues, 9-2 Grand Fellow, 12-1 Kathy Fair.

4.15 QUEENS HOTEL NEWTON ABBOT HANDICAP CHASE (£2,892: 3m 2f 110yd) (6)

1 1U4F RIVERSIDE BOY 13 (G,S) M Pipe 10-12-0 ... M Perrett
2 U211 MOSSY FERN 18 (F,G,S) O Sherwood 7-11-3 ... J Osborne
3 21U1 PLASTIC SPACEAGE 18 (G,S) J Old 10-10-13 ... Peter Hobbs
4 4442 ROYAL BATTERY 20 (D,G,S) D Barons 10-10-12 ... J Frost
5 3151 JAILBREAKER 18 (CD,G,S) B Millman 6-10-0 ... A Webb
6 4340 SOONER STILL 28 (B,D,F,G,S) J Edwards 9-10-0 ... N Williamson

2-1 Riverside Boy, 9-2 Plastic Spaceage, Royal Battery, 5-1 Jailbreaker, 11-2 Mossy Fern, 6-1 Sooner Still.

4.45 PHOENIX PRINT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,712: 2m 1f) (7)

1 4210 GROVE SERENDIPITY 37 (B,F,S) M Pipe 5-12-0 ... M Perrett
2 030/0 ALKIONIS 8 W G M Turner 7-11-0 ... John McCabe (7)
3 0 CLASSICAL BLUE 223 R Frost 7-11-0 ... J Frost
4 PU DUSKOMI 14 G Ham 7-11-0 ... S Mackey
5 01 SPORT OF FOOLS 10 (CD,S) W Reed 4-10-11 ... N Hawke
6 P0S0 SPIRIT LEVEL 64 J Payne 5-10-9 ... Mr R Payne (7)
7 6045 MADAM PICASSO 8 N Mitchell 4-10-4 ... G Upton

6-4 Grove Serendipity, 15-8 Madame Picasso, 4-1 Spirit Level, 11-2 Sport Of Fools, 20-1 others.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Newmarket

Going: good

2.00 (7f) 1, FIRM PLEDGE (A Munro, 11-8 fav); 2, Matila (W Carson, 4-1); 3, Thunder River (M J Kinane, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Factual (6th), 5 Winged Victory (4th), 10 Mystic Goddess (5th). 6 ran. 1½l, ¾l, 1½l, 3l, 3½l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £2.40; £1.40, £2.00. DF: £4.30. CSF: £6.73. 1min 26.02sec.

2.30 (7f) 1, EASY ACCESS (M J Kinane, 10-1); 2, Able Choice (L Piggott, 9-2); 3, Timothy Casey (Pat Eddery, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Red Fan (4th), 7-2 Bezique (6th), 13-2 Nabjelsedr, 12 Miss Gorgeous (5th). 7 ran. NR: Racing Telegraph, Cutthroat Kid. Nk, 1½l, 1½l, 2½l, 4l. R Hannon at Marlborough. Tote: £13.00; £3.60, £2.60. DF: £18.20. Trio: £65.60. CSF: £47.94. Tricast: £270.97. 1min 26.39sec.

3.00 (1m 2f) 1, MAGICAL RETREAT (D Biggs, 20-1); 2, Bright Generation (A Munro, 5-2); 3, Pamzig (D Holland, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Fayfa (4th), 8 Alyakkh (5th). 5 ran. ¾l, 2l, ¾l, 10l. C Cyzer at Horsham. Tote: £19.40; £3.10, £1.50. DF: £20.60. CSF: £61.98. 2min 8.64sec.

3.40 See facing page

4.15 (6f) 1, SPLICE (W R Swinburn, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Double Blue (Dean McKeown, 4-1 jt-fav); 3, Hard To Figure (W Carson, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Duplicity (8th), 7 Garah (4th), Venture Capitalist (5th), 15-2 Beau Venture, 16 Green Dollar, 25 Finjan, Gift Throne. 10 ran. 1l, nk, hd, sh hd, 1½l. J Fanshawe at Newmarket. Tote: £4.00; £1.80, £1.70, £1.90. DF: £5.40. Trio: £18.60. CSF: £18.74. Tricast: £106.89. 1min 12.08sec.

4.45 (1m) 1, WAGON MASTER (R Hills, 25-1); 2, Mistle Cat (W Woods, 33-1); 3, Bitter's End (M J Kinane, 7-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Mr Templeman (5th), 11-2 Moultazim, 6 Dawalib, Mecklenburg (4th), 7 Arid, Thalaros, 8 Karshi, 9 Winged Victory (6th), 12 Barrairy, 25 Cast The Line, 33 Ajdayt, Bale Breaker, Darmstadt, Don Tocino, Maeshal Lawm, Hopeful Prospect, Tinsashe. 20 ran. 1½l, 1½l, ½l, 3½l, 1½l. A Stewart at Newmarket. Tote: £101.80; £17.90, £2.60, £2.60. DF: £14.20 (1st or 2nd with any other). CSF: £683.66. 1min 39.06sec. Trio: not won. Coinbrook (7-2) withdrawn, not under orders, rule 4 applies, deduction 20p in pound.

5.15 (7f) 1, KHUBZA (A McGlone, 16-1); 2, Ghost Tree (M Roberts, 5-4 fav); 3, Coral Gem (R Hills, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Dancing Spirit (4th), Princess Hayley (5th), 8 Crystal Reay (6th), 9 Fadeld Haweld, 12 Rock The Boat, Tip Me Up, 50 Francis, Shelford. 11 ran. 2l, 1½l, 2l, 1½l, 3l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £20.70; £3.50, £1.30, £5.40. DF: £30.20. CSF: £35.79. 1min 25.56sec.

Placepot: £334.60.

Jackpot: not won; £22,863.41 carried forward to Newmarket today.

Hamilton Park

Going: soft (heavy in places)

2.05 (1m 1f 36yd) 1, Romola Nijinsky (K Darley, 4-5 fav); 2, Aegaen Lady (5-1); 3, Achelous (11-2). 8 ran. 3l, 3l. P Evans. Tote: £1.80; £1.40, £1.10, £1.80. DF: £2.30. CSF: £5.15.

2.35 (1m 65yd) 1, Anusha (J Carroll, 4-1); 2, Friendly Knight (5-1); 3, Caliser (6-1). Sky Wish 3-1 fav. 6 ran. 3½l, 8l. J Berry. Tote: £4.40; £1.60, £1.40. DF: £8.90. CSF: £21.92.

3.05 (6f 5yd) 1, Burishid (D Wright, 7-1); 2, Lamsonetti (9-2); 3, High Romance (7-2). Shadow Jury 3-4 fav. 7 ran. 3l, sh hd. G Prichard-Gordon. Tote: £4.30; £1.60, £2.70. DF: £28.40. CSF: £34.01.

3.35 (5f 4yd) 1, Hiltons Travel (S Webster, 10-1); 2, Monkey's Wedding (3-1); 3, Trendy Dancer (20-1). Ponte Sophie 2-1 fav. 7 ran. 4l, nk. E Alston. Tote: £22.80; £2.50, £2.10. DF: £51.10. CSF: £37.86.

4.05 (1m 4f 17yd) 1, Chiappucci (J Carroll, 8-4); 2, Dances With Gold (Evens fav); 3, Thor Power (13-2). 4 ran. 5l, 1½l. M Jarvis. Tote: £2.60. DF: £1.90. CSF: £3.21.

4.35 (1m 4f 17yd) 1, Shamshom Al Arab (Darren Moffatt, 9-1); 2, Persuasive (6-4 fav); 3, Philgun (2-1). 8 ran. 3½l, 5l. S Norton. Tote: £8.70; £3.00, £1.80, £1.40. DF: £15.50. CSF: £22.35. Tricast: £35.30.

Placepot: £203.00.

Salisbury

Going: good

2.20 (6f 212yd) 1, Sareen Express (S McCarthy, 33-1); 2, Quick Steel (5-1 fav); 3, Old Comrades (8-1); 4, Proud Brigadier (14-1). 20 ran. Sh, ¾l. Mrs J Dawe. Tote: £53.60; £6.30, £3.10, £2.10, £2.10. DF: £245.90. CSF: £182.70. Tricast: £1,364.59. 1min 29.81sec.

2.50 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, Soviet Line (P D'Arcy, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, Bobbie Dee (9-4 jt-fav); 3, Double Bass (9-4 jt-fav). 6 ran. 5l, 7l. M Stoute. Tote: £2.60; £1.60, £2.00. DF: £3.60. CSF: £7.35. 2min 9.92sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.20 (1m) 1, Waldi (N Carlisle, 9-1); 2, Waki Gold (33-1); 3, Sand Table (14-1); 4, Baysham (14-1). Grand Vitesse 5-1 fav. 18 ran. Hd, ¾l. L Cottrell. Tote: £7.00; £1.70, £4.90, £6.20, £4.30. DF: £157.60. CSF: £239.28. Tricast: £3,719.01. 1min 44.28sec.

3.50 (1m 6f) 1, Crystal Cross (M Hills, 9-4); 2, Castle Courageous (7-4 fav); 3, Secret Society (7-2). 7 ran. 2l, 1½l. I Balding. Tote: £3.00; £1.10, £2.30. DF: £3.40. CSF: £6.31. 3min 9.87sec.

4.20 (6f) 1, Blue Topaze (J Williams, 7-1); 2, Petonellajill (14-1); 3, Polar Storm (15-2). Jeremiahs Boy 9-4 fav. 14 ran. NR: Lady Roxanne. 2l, nk. P Murphy. Tote: £7.60; £2.20, £4.10, £2.70. DF: £99.70. CSF: £96.53. 1min 16.14sec.

4.50 (1m) 1, Clouded Elegance (M Hills, 9-4); 2, Simply Finesse (12-1); 3, Beverly Knight (33-1). Anorak 5-4 fav. 15 ran. NR: Paddington Girl. 3l, 1l. I Balding. Tote: £3.20; £1.20, £2.40, £7.70. DF: £17.30. CSF: £31.09. 1min 44.81sec.

5.20 (6f) 1, Grey Charmer (W Newnes, 16-1); 2, Face North (7-1); 3, Face The Future (5-1 fav); 4, Zimbaq (12-1). 20 ran. ¾l, nk. C James. Tote: £17.20; £3.30, £2.50, £2.70, £4.10. DF: £83.60. CSF: £130.32. Tricast: £614.00. 1min 16.26sec.

5.50 (1m) 1, Top Cees (N Adams, 33-1); 2, Fabulous Mtoto (3-1); 3, Flashfeet (4-6 fav). 14 ran. NR: La Posada, Toccatella. Nk, 1½l. P Harris. Tote: £57.60; £6.00, £1.60, £1.20. DF: £71.20. CSF: £132.54.

Placepot: £459.60.

Point-to-point results

Cotswold (Andoversford): Hunt: 1, Teacher's Dram (R Hicks, 4-7 fav). 2, Joe Muggins, 3, My Fire Quackers. 4 ran. Confined: 1, Highland Son (G Maundrell, 7-4), 2, Close Escape; 3, Border Sun. 10 ran. Ladies: 1, Maid To Match (Miss P Mobley, 4-6 fav), 2, Phallos, 3, Ballyoran Star. 9 ran. Open: 1, Blakes Orphan (T Illsley, 5-4 fav); 2, Cleaning Up; 3, Snowfire Chap. 9 ran. Inter: 1, Kallys Pal (J Pritchard, 6-4 fav), 2, Taglio De Champleu, 3, Chevalogan. 8 ran. Maiden: 1, Fourcees (P Howes, 7-2); 2, Atlantic Cedar; 3, Snedarbo. 13 ran.

Tiverton Staghounds (Bratton Down): Hunt: 1, Roving Glen (L Blackford, 1-2 fav), 2, Elegant Bar; 3, Newstarsky. 8 ran. Open: 1, Friendly Lady (J Farthing, 1-2 fav); 2, Happy News; 3, Strands Of Gold, 11 ran. Ladies: 1, Oriental Plume (Miss M Turner 3-1), 2, Starember Lad, 3, The Doormaker. 13 ran. Confined: 1, Bitofadifference (R Payne 2-1), 2, Flame O'Frensi, 3, Society Member. 12 ran. Rest: 1, Glad Jack (I Dowrick, 33-1), 2, Varech II; 3, Kings Reward. 17 ran. Maiden I: 1, Seals Rock (Miss J Cumings, 2-1), 2, Clobracken Lad, 3, Great Uncle. 16 ran. Maiden II: 1, Little Coombe (R Cole 5-1); 2, Day By Day, 3, Rodeo Season. 16 ran.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati Reds 4, Pittsburgh Pirates 2, Florida Marlins 3, Atlanta Braves 1; Houston Astros 6, Chicago Cubs 1, St Louis Cardinals 7, Colorado Rockies 6; Philadelphia Phillies 5, San Diego Padres 3, Los Angeles Dodgers 6, Montreal Expos 1, San Francisco Giants 4, New York Mets 3.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston Red Sox 3, Oakland Athletics 1, Baltimore Orioles 8, Minnesota Twins 4, Kansas City Royals 5, Toronto Blue Jays 3, Chicago White Sox 11, Milwaukee Brewers 2; Texas Rangers 6, Detroit Tigers 5 (11 inns); California Angels 3, New York Yankees 2. Seattle Mariners 4, Cleveland Indians 0.

BOXING

DUBLIN: WBC featherweight championship: Goyo Vargas (Mex) bt Paul Hodkinson (Liverpool, holder), rsc 7th. Featherweight (8 rnds): Francisco Arroyo (Panama) bt Dean Lynch (Swansea), pts. Light-middleweight (8 rnds): Kevin Sheeran (Crawley) bt Dan Jumah (Ghana), rsc 8th.

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Derby: Derbyshire 198 (P R Whitaker 52); Hampshire 85-1 (R S M Morris 50 not out). Hove: Sussex 304-8 dec (J A North 120, K Newell 50). Durham 47-1. Uxbridge: Middlesex 299 (Aftab Habib 76, J C Harrison 59, R M Wight 7-106); Gloucestershire 18-0. Worcester: Leicestershire 213 (G R Haynes 4-35). Worcestershire 82-1. Old Trafford: Lancashire 332-8 dec (S P Titchard 101, J D Fitton 90, G Yates 51); Surrey 18-0. Coventry and North Warwicks: Warwickshire 276 (M A V Bell 58, D B Pennett 5-74) v Nottinghamshire.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Ewell Castle 130-8 dec, Bethany 131-4; Brentwood 127 (I Harvey 7-20), Chigwell 128-5. College of St Hild Bede 199-5 dec (R Johns 135), Durham 200-3 (R Weston 125 not out); Warwick 185-4, Bloxham 104-7; Haberdashers' Aske's 186-9, Bancroft's 100-6. Reed's 69, Caterham 70-1; St Thomas Rich's 134, Marling 136-2. Exeter 145, Blundell's 148-4; St Andrew's College (SA), 150, King's, Bruton 133-8. Felstead 181-7, Colchester GS 78; Cranbrook 101-9, Harvey GS 51 (S Drake 6-18); MCC 129-9, Eton 121-6; QEGS Blackburn 82, Stonyhurst 83-8; Essex Gentlemen 158-7, Forest XI 159-6; Trinity Croydon 191-8, Latymer Upper 109-8, MCC 197-7, Berkhamsted 84, MCC 174-3, Rugby 81; ... Club 78, Sevenoaks 79-3. Haileybury ... Enfield GS 59-6. Langdale Sussex ... Eastbourne 164-3, Worth 86. Ardingly ... 153-0

CYCLING

... Fourth stage (La Gudina ... km). 1, J van Poppel ... sec; 2, A Baffi (It); 3, ... Abdoujaparov (Uzbekistan) ... A Saitov (Russ). all ... Zuelle (Switz), 15hr ... 29sec behind. 3,

E Breukink (Holl), 30; 4, T Rominger (Switz), same time; 5, M Alonso (Sp), 32.
MOSCOW: Women's 500m (standing start): G Yonyukhina (Russ), 33.438sec (world record).

EQUESTRIANISM

ROME: International horse show: Grand prix: 1, Osla Carpets Queen (J C Vangeenberghe, Bel), 79.81; 2, Everest Midnight Madness (M Whitaker, GB), 80.54; 3, San Pamgnano Nonx (M Robert, Fr), 81.14. Premio Golfa: 1, Athlet (W Melliger, Switz), 51.40; 2, Bogdan (P Marco, It), 63.04; 3, Everest My Mesiur (M Whitaker, GB), 67.55. Premio Parmalat: 1, Yokohoma Emily (C Luciano, It), 60.40; 2, Everest My Mesiur (M Whitaker, GB), 60.88; 3, Curtis (L McNaught-Maendli, Switz), 61.74.

FOOTBALL

LIBERTADORES CUP: Quarter-finals, second leg: Barcelona (Ec) 0, Universidad Catolica (Chile) 1 (agg. 1-4); São Paulo (Br) 2, Flamengo (Br) 0 (agg. 3-1); Olimpia (Par) 0, Cerro Porteno (Par) 0 (agg 1-1; Cerro Porteno won 4-2 on penalties). Sporting Cristal (Peru) 2, America/Cali (Col) 3 (agg: 4-5).
Late results on Wednesday
WORLD CUP: Qualifying group one: Portugal 5, Scotland 0. Group two: England 2, Holland 2; Poland 1, San Marino 0; Norway 3, Turkey 1. Group three: Spain 3, Northern Ireland 1. Group five: Russia 3, Hungary 0. Group six: Bulgaria 2, Finland 0, France 2, Sweden 1.
BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second division: Stoke City 1, Plymouth Argyle 0
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Boston 1, Altrincham 2.
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: First division: Knowsley 5, Curzon Ashton 0
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Barry 0, Stourbridge 2; Hinckley 1, Gresley 2. Southern division: Canterbury 0, Havant 0; Salisbury 2, Ashford 0.
NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Durham 1, Tow Law 1
BASS NORTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bradford PA 3, Glossop NE 2
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Brigg 1, Pickering 2, Denaby 2, Maltby MW 3 (abandoned 85min), Eccleshill 3, Ashfield 1
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Clevedon 4, Saltash 1; Torrington 0, Plymouth Argyle 3, Bideford 0, Tiverton 3
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa 3, Sunderland 1, Leeds 1, Blackburn 2, Manchester United 3, Barnsley 1, Newcastle 1, Sheffield United 2: Nottingham Forest 4, Manchester City 0, Sheffield Wednesday 3, Bolton 2: Wolverhampton 3, Notts County 1. Second division: Blackpool 1, Grimsby 0; Bradford 0, Hull 0; Huddersfield 0, Everton 0: Middlesbrough 3, Oldham 0, Scunthorpe 0, Burnley 3, West Bromwich Albion 3, York 1
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Watford 0, Arsenal 0; Luton 3, Charlton 0, Chelsea 2, Southampton 1; Wimbledon 1, Norwich 4; Ipswich 3, Bristol City 1; Tottenham 3, Swindon 1. Second division: Cheltenham 0, Bristol Rovers 2, Torquay 1, Bournemouth 1
EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: France 2, Sweden 1: Switzerland 0, Italy 2
GERMAN LEAGUE: Nuremberg 0, Dynamo Dresden 0, Schalke 0, Hamburg 0
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Mars Under-19 Trophy: semi-final: De La Salle, Liverpool 1, Longlands Coll, Middlesbrough 4

ICE HOCKEY

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finals: Czech Republic 8, Italy 1. Relegation play-offs: First round: France 3, Switzerland 1.
NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Play-offs: First round: Montreal Canadiens 6, Quebec Nordiques 2 (Montreal win best-of-seven series 4-2). New York Islanders 5, Washington Capitals 3 (New York win best-of-seven series 4-2).

REAL TENNIS

SEACOURT: George Wimpey British women's open championship. First round: J Vaughan bt S Owens, 4-6, 6-0, 6-1; I Tuffnell bt C Armstrong-Smith, 6-1, 6-3. F Deuchar (Aus) bt R Lake, 6-2, 6-0. J Lippincott (US) bt M Henderson-Tew, 6-1, 6-1, J Miller bt J Hames, 6-5, 6-2, A Cockcroft bt V Dawes, 6-2, 6-4, M Happell (Aus) bt L Bamfield, 6-2, 6-2, M Pignon bt S Macintosh, 6-5, 5-6, 6-5, P Danby bt J Dathan, 6-1, 6-0. Second round: C Cornwallis bt Danby, 6-2, 6-2, Deuchar bt M Allen, 2-6, 6-5, 6-3.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER PREMIERSHIP: Second round replay: Dewsbury 20, Oldham 18

RUGBY UNION

HEINEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Llanelli 47, Pontypridd 3.
SYBASE LONDON FLOODLIT SEVENS: Group A: London Scottish 7, Wasps 26; London Scottish 21, London Welsh 21; Wasps 22, London Welsh 14. Group B: Fiji 24, Cambridge Univ 5, Fiji 21, Harlequins 10; Cambridge Univ 12, Harlequins 19. Group C: W Samoa 21, Blackheath 7, W Samoa 14, Richmond 7. Blackheath 7, Richmond 14. Group D: London Irish 21, Rosslyn Park 17, London Irish 29, Saracens 14; Rosslyn Park 7, Saracens 35. Semi-finals: Wasps 7, Fiji 26, W Samoa 12, London Irish 0. Final: Fiji 19, W Samoa 12.

SQUASH

AIX-EN-PROVENCE: European team championships: Men: Group A: Pool 1: Sweden 3, Scotland 1; Germany 2, Ireland 2 (Germany win on countback). Pool 2: England 4, France 0: Finland 3, Holland 1; England 4, Finland 0; France 2, Holland 2 (France win on countback). Group B: Pool 1: Italy 2, Switzerland 2 (Italy win on countback). Pool 2: Israel 2, Denmark 2 (Israel won on toss of coin); Wales 3, Denmark 1, Austria 4, Israel 0. Pool 3: Belgium 4, Luxembourg 0, Spain 4 Belgium 0; Luxembourg 3 Liechtenstein 1. Women: Group A: Pool 1: England 3 Ireland 0; England 3 France 0, Ireland 2, Scotland 1; Scotland 2 France 1. Pool 2: Germany 3, Wales 0, Holland 2, Sweden 1; Holland 3, Germany 0; Germany 3, Sweden 0. Holland 3, Wales 0; Sweden 3, Wales 0. Group B: Spain 2, Switzerland 1; Denmark 2 Norway 1, Switzerland 2 Austria 1, Spain 3 Italy 0.
NEW YORK: Tournament of Champions: Semi-finals: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt B Martin (Aus), 15-9, 8-15, 15-7, 15-12; C Dittmar (Aus) bt R Martin (Aus), 15-13, 15-3, 15-6.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Poole 56, Eastbourne 52. Second division: Glasgow 61, Edinburgh 47, Long Eaton 69, Middlesbrough 38

TENNIS

HAMBURG: Women's tournament: Second round: A Huber (Ger) bt P Begerow (Ger), 6-1, 5-7, 6-1; M Seles (Yug) bt P Tarabini (Arg), 6-2, 6-2; M Maleeva-Fragnière (Switz) bt N Baudone (It), 6-0, 6-1; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt B Rittner (Ger), 6-1, ret.
MADRID: Men's tournament: Second round: T Carbonell (Sp) bt J Oncins (Br), 6-3, 6-1, E Sánchez (Sp) bt A Olhovsky (Rus), 6-3, 1-6, 6-1; C Costa (Sp) bt A Jarryd (Swe), 6-4, 6-4
MUNICH: Men's tournament: First round: C Pioline (Fr) bt A Medvedev (Ukr), 6-7, 7-6, 6-4. Second round: G Solves (Fr) bt M Göllner (Ger), 7-6, 3-6, 6-4; J F Altur (Sp) bt P Korda (Cz) 5-7, 6-3, 6-3; I Lendl (US) bt M Gustafsson (Swe), 6-4, 6-4; Pioline bt M Mäw (Ger), 4-6, 6-4, 7-6, K Novacek (Cz) bt M Damm (Cz), 6-2, 6-3; M Stich (Ger) bt K Kucera (Slovakia), 6-0, 7-5.
JAKARTA: Indonesian women's open: First round; A Grossman (USA) bt M Javer (GB), 6-1, 2-6, 6-3.
ATLANTA: Men's tournament: Second round: J Palmer bt J Yzaga (Peru), 7-6, 6-2; A Berasategui (Sp) bt B Gilbert, 6-4, 6-3, R Fromberg (Aus) bt M Wilander, (Swe), 6-3, 6-1, P Sampras (US) bt H Skoff (Austria), 6-1, 6-2.
LEE-ON-SOLENT: LTA satellite tournament: Men: First round: N Gould (Avon) bt A Meuws (Fr), 6-3, 2-6, 6-4; C Ferreira (SA) bt J Simbozel (Fr), 6-4, 7-6, S Scaiola (It) bt L Matthews (Hants), 6-4, 6-4, P Cooper (Warwicks) bt P Fowler (Durham), 7-6, 7-6; M Roberts (US) bt S Hette (Fr), 2-6, 6-4, 6-0; M Calvell (It) bt T Henman (Oxford), 6-2, 5-7, 6-2; C Beecher (Kent) bt P Pala (Cz), 7-5, 6-4; W Arthurs (Aus) bt B Maillet (Fr), 6-2, 6-1. Second round: P Kildeny (Aus) bt P Hand (Berks), 6-3, 6-1; D Sapsford (Surrey) bt M Zimmerman (US), 6-1, 6-0; T Kempers (Hol) bt C Ferreira (SA), 6-1, 6-0; S Scaiola (It) bt P Cooper (Warwicks), 6-0, 6-1. P Languardt (Den) bt M Roberts (US), 7-6, 6-2; M Tebbutt (Aus) bt N Gould (Bristol), 6-3, 6-4; M Calvell (It) bt A Beust (Fr), 6-1, 6-2, W Arthurs (Aus) bt C Beecher (Kent), 6-2, 7-6. Women: First round: L Richterova (Cz) bt M Hughes (N Wales), 6-4, 6-1. Second round: P Piorkowski (US) bt V Lake (Devon), 6-4, 6-3; L Ahl (Devon) bt J Pullin (Sussex), 6-2, 6-1; A Casteras (Fr) bt I Kurta (US), 6-1, 6-1; L Richterova (Cz) bt A Sidot (Fr), 6-0, 6-4; M Selbold (Ger) bt V Batut (Fr), 6-3, 6-2, C Billingham (Oxford) bt J Humphreys (SA), 6-0, 6-4; C Hunt (Dorset) bt E Krejcova (Cz), 6-3 1-6, 7-5; C Hall (Dorset) bt N Egorova (CIS), 6-0, 6-4.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Barclays League
Second division
Hull v Bolton (7.30)

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Brighton v Fulham (2.0); Swindon v Arsenal (at Aldershot FC, 7.30).

RUGBY UNION

Heineken League
Second division
Ebbw Vale v Tredegar (7.0)

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance championship
Second day of four.
11.0, 110 overs minimum
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Sussex
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Middlesex
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Somerset
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Surrey.
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire.

Other match
Headingley: Yorkshire v Lancashire
RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (Third day of three). Derby: Derbyshire v Hampshire; Manchester: Lancashire v Surrey; Uxbridge: Middlesex v Gloucestershire; Hove: Sussex v Durham; Coventry and North Warwicks: Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire, Worcester: Worcester v Leicestershire.

OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIAN: International Dressage (Goodwood)
GOLF: Ford Women's Classic (Woburn)
SNOOKER: Embassy world championship (Sheffield).
SPEEDWAY: First division: Arena Essex v Ipswich (8.0), Belle Vue v King's Lynn (7.30). Second division: Edinburgh v Middlesbrough (7.15). Open meeting: Ist Peterborough (7.30).
TENNIS: LTA spring satellite tournament (Lee-on-Solent)

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 40

TODASH

(a) To dash to pieces, to shatter by a violent blow or blows, from the Middle English *todaschen* to dash: "Thy right hand, O Lord, hath all todashed the enimie."

MANCATION

(c) Maiming, mutilation, from the Latin *mancare* to mutilate, *mancus* one-handed, maimed: "This brings me to the next Dispute, how far Mancation destroys this Identity: for as a River, by being divided into many Streams, may lose its Name. So would Man, if he could be supposed split into Halves."

REPIQUE

(a) In Piquet, the winning of 30 points on cards alone before beginning to play (and before the adversary begins to count), entitling the player to begin his score at 90. From the French *repic*, Italian *ripiccio*: "When the hand is dealt out, I will leave you to select the hand you think will enable you best to prevent a repique."

COLOPHONY

(c) The dark or amber-coloured resin obtained by distilling turpentine with water. Formerly also called Greek pitch or *Pix Graeca*. From Pliny's *Colophonia resina* resin from Colophon in Lydia: "Colophony or dry resin is the resinous part of the turpentine remaining in the still after the extraction of the essential oil by distillation."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

White broke through with 1 Nxf7! Rxf7 2 Qa7! and now the only move to defend both rooks is 2 ... Rbf8, but then there follows 3 Qxf7+! Rxf7 4 Rd8+ mating.

Sayyedati rewards Swinburn's loyalty

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

THE classic judgment and loyalty of Walter Swinburn paid handsome dividends at Newmarket yesterday when he won his third 1,000 Guineas in the past five years on Sayyedati.

The victory of the Clive Brittain-trained filly, by half a length and a head from Lord Carnarvon's Niche and Ajfan, only served to confirm how fickle a sport racing can be and the immense value of having a jockey of Swinburn's stature and experience on your side.

Having been ante-post favourite for the Madagans 1,000 Guineas throughout the winter months following her defeat of Lyric Fantasy in the Cheveley Park Stakes last autumn, Sayyedati's supporters deserted in droves following her disappointing run in the Nell Gwyn Stakes 16 days ago.

Yet within hours of finishing third to Niche in that classic trial, Swinburn voluntarily opted to stick with her for Guineas day.

His decision cannot have been easy. After all, he could have chosen to ride the lightly-raced and improving Zarani Sidi Anna, who had split Niche and Sayyedati in the Nell Gwyn and was trained by Michael Stoute, a past master at preparing fillies for big races.

Swinburn recalled yesterday: "I made up my mind that night. Even if I had one or two anxious moments, with Mr Stoute training Zarani Sidi Anna, I have dreamt about Sayyedati all winter since the Cheveley Park, and I was not going to let one afternoon put me off. Thank God I didn't.

"Clive and I knew Sayyedati did not run her race 16 days ago, it was too bad to be true."

The reason for her disappointing show that day remains something of a mystery. Coming into season and a poor blood count are two of the possibilities.

Whatever the cause, it weighed heavily on the minds of backers yesterday as Sayyedati became friendless in the betting ring and drifted from 5-2 to 4-1, her longest price for four months.

In the parade ring beforehand, she had looked edgy and the sweat that showed around her limbs hardly inspired confidence. Yet come the race, devoid of all but the most loyal supporters, she proved the doubters wrong.

With the Richard Hannon-trained pair of Niche and Lyric Fantasy making the running, Swinburn opted during the first half mile to track Elizabeth Bay, the disappointing French favourite, who finally finished eighth.

Swinburn then tacked over to the far rail, briefly followed Pat Eddery on Secrage before sweeping into the lead coming into the dip, a furlong and a half out. Despite idling in front, Swinburn drove Sayyedati firmly to the line.

Richard Hills, rider of Ajfan, and Lanfranco Dettori, on Dayflower, were judged to have been too firm on their horses and each received a four-day suspension for overuse of the whip.

Dayflower, who spent the winter in Dubai and was one of the few fillies at home in the gloriously warm sunshine, performed with great credit to finish fifth and will encourage the Maktoums to experiment with more horses in their home country.

With less than three lengths covering the first seven horses home, the standard of yesterday's race remains open to question but that should not detract from a brave performance by Sayyedati, a skilful training performance by Brittain and the calm of a jockey while others around him lost their nerve.

Swinburn doubted whether Sayyedati would get further than a mile, which makes the 6-1 and 7-1 offered by William Hill and Coral respectively for the Oaks look faintly ridiculous. Ladbrokes went a more realistic 14-1, but it is unlikely that she will line up at Epsom. After all, Brittain has his impressive Fred Darling Stakes winner, Sueboog, waiting in the wings.

Earlier, Magical Retreat pulled off a shock 20-1 victory in the Pretty Polly Stakes and so provided Charles Cyzer, the Horsham trainer, with his first listed success.

Despite being beaten only five days ago in a handicap at Ripon, the filly made all the running and quickened away by three-quarters of a length from Bright Generation, having been given a fine ride by Darren Biggs.

IAN STEWART



Triumphant salute: Swinburn celebrates his victory on Sayyedati at Newmarket yesterday

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SONG OF SIXPENCE
(3.05 Newmarket)

Next best: Mild Rebuke
(4.40 Newmarket)

BIG-RACE DETAILS

3.40 MADAGANS 1000 GUINEAS STAKES (Group I: 3-Y-O fillies £107,063: 1m)
SAYYEDATI b f Shadeed - Dubian (M Obaida) 9-0 W R Swinburn (4-1) 1.
Niche ch f Risk Me - Cubby Hole (Lord Carnarvon) 9-0 L Piggott (6-1) 2.
Ajfan ch f Woodman - Misinskie (H Al-Maktoum) 9-0 R Hills (33-1) 3.
ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Elizabeth Bay, 5 Zarani Sidi Anna, 14 Lyric Fantasy (6th), Wixon, 16 Secrage, Stella Mystika, 33 Felawnah (4th), Dayflower (5th), 100 Star Family Friend. 12 ran. ½l, hd, 1½l, ½l, hd. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £5.10, £2.30, £1.90, £8.70. DF £17.60. Trio: £200.50. CSF £25.72. 1mn 37.34sec

Brittain's faith repaid with classic display

By Julian Muscat

IT wasn't long ago that a sense of profound disbelief would have greeted Clive Brittain's entrance to the winner's enclosure after a British classic. The 49-year-old has always been one of the most popular among the ranks of trainers. Nevertheless, his was something of a fresh face at the highest levels in the sport.

Yes, he had trained the majestic Pebbles to win this race in 1984, but his handling of that filly had not been endorsed by other animals of comparable merit. Until the turn of the decade, that is, for Brittain has now won four classics in the last two years.

Brittain is the antithesis of the archetypal racehorse trainer. He started as a groom for Noel Murless before striking out on his own in 1972. Murless had a particular feel for fillies, a talent Brittain appears to have inherited if Sayyedati's troubled preparation is any guide.

Sayyedati's defeat in her prep race two weeks ago shook her supporters' confidence. Brittain, characteristically, remained unmoved. It is this unstinting belief in himself that is the trainer's finest quality, and one which has enabled him to break through into the big time.

As he surveyed the wreckage from that Nell Gwyn reversal, his expression was tight with disappointment, all the more so after stablemate Sueboog sauntered home in her own trial a few days later. After the blood tests came the explanation: Sayyedati had been laid low by a blood disorder; she would return to her best in the Guineas.

Brittain's face returned to its normal, smiling self after yesterday's vindication. There were the countless interviews, all performed with the customary good grace and patience which have become such features of his big race victories. He wants to share the joy with everyone.

There had been another scare when Sayyedati got worked up making the short journey to the racecourse. But the trainer was pleased: Sayyedati was too lethargic last time, and the interest she took in everything around her told Brittain she was back to her best.

"I nearly dropped dead when she was beaten here last time," he said. "I always thought she was better than Sueboog, and I'm thrilled to bits with this. She came here weighing 468 kilos, which was her best racing weight last year. I was very confident."

Walter Swinburn, the winning jockey, had feared Nell Gwyn runner-up Zarani Sidi Anna, who finished seventh, saying: "I was very frightened by the improvement I knew Michael Stoute would get from her".

In the end, however, it was Clive Brittain who brought about a far greater improvement in Sayyedati. He has reached the pinnacle of his profession.

NEWMARKET

THUNDERER

2.00 Blockade. 2.35 Wahem. 3.05 **MILLION IN MIND** (nap). 3.40 Shuailaan. 4.10 Tenby. 4.40 Kingswell Prince.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.35 Grove Daffodil. 3.05 Million In Mind.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.10 TENBY.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.00 LUCINDA STOPFORD-SACKVILLE LADIES HANDICAP
(£5,127: 7f) (28 runners)

101 (22) 311800- BLOCKADE 218 (C,D,F,G,S) (A Warrender) M Bell 4-11-7 Mrs G Bell (5) 96
102 (24) 2/5-4 WAINWRIGHT 20 (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-11-7 Mrs L Pearce 97
103 (7) 22104-6 AITCH N'BEE 25 (C,D,G,S) Lady Herries 10-11-4 Mrs M Cowdrey (5) 89
104 (28) 40/3115- WELLINGTON ROCK 295 (F) (Lady Sophia Morrison) J Toller 4-11-4 Mrs S Cumani 87
105 (4) 40122-1 DUNE RIVER 25 (D,G) (D Loder) D Loder 4-11-0 Miss J Allison 91
106 (18) 030580/ RELENTLESS PURSUIT 571 P Chapple-Hyam 5-10-12 Mrs J Chapple-Hyam (5) –
107 (11) 420602- ACROSS THE BAY 213 (V,D,F,G,S) (J Redmond) S Dow 5-10-12 Miss J Winter 93
108 (26) 45300-6 SHINING JEWEL 28 (D,F,G) (D Rolt) Mrs L Piggott 6-10-7 Mrs M Haggas (5) 95
109 (12) 03/2140 THEMAAM 43 (Wetherby Racing Bureau) T Thomson Jones 4-10-3 Miss A Harwood 96
110 (5) 200200 RURAL LAD 20 (D,S) (Vintage Racing) R Spicer 4-10-2 Mrs L Lawson (5) 96
111 (1) 0/000-06 ELTON LEDGER 18 (G) (A Scott) A Scott 4-10-1 Miss T Bracegirdle (5) 94
112 (27) 0000-00 RISE UP SINGING 20 (B,CD,F,G,S) W Musson 5-10-1 Mrs J Musson (5) 97
113 (6) 12504/0- HIGHEST PRAISE 175 (D,F,G,S) J Hills 10-10-0 Miss S Francome (5) –
114 (16) 013651 NOBBY BARNES 27 (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 4-10-0 Miss J Sandford-Johnson (5) 94
115 (23) 004520 RIPSNORTER 35 (S) (P Purdy) J Bennett 4-10-0 Miss A Purdy (5) 92
116 (25) 625510- TRUNDLEY WOOD 212 (D,G) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-9-13 Miss L Hide (5) 86
117 (19) 001003- SAIFAN 184 (F) (Mrs R Hawes) D Morris 4-9-13 Mrs L Morris (5) 96
118 (20) 502046- LOOSE ZEUS 227 (Mrs C Wall) C Wall 4-9-12 Mrs C Wall (5) 96
119 (3) 006-120 CAPTAIN MARMALADE 25 (BF) D Thom 4-9-9 Miss D W Jones (5) [illegible]
120 (8) 035202- ALNASRIC PETE 63J (D,F,G) (A Speyer) D Wilson 7-9-8 Miss D Arbuthnot 95
121 (21) 24-1603 KISSAVOS 35 (D,F) (R Berenson) C Elsey 7-9-7 Miss A Elsey (5) 98
122 (10) 0-00000 BASSIO 4 (D,F,G) (Mrs S Darby) C Allen 4-9-6 Miss R Lowes (5) 93
123 (13) 064303- HERETICAL MISS 157 (B) (P Boggis) R Hannon 3-9-4 Mrs J Boggis (5) 93
124 (9) 0324-00 TAKE IT IN CASH 18 (R Adams) R Dickin 4-9-2 Miss S Duckett (5) 96
125 (2) 038400 BAYIN 56 (T Barker) M Usher 4-9-0 Mrs A Usher (5) 79
126 (17) 1040-35 DON'T DROP BOMBS 102 (BF) (D Croft) P Felden 4-9-0 Miss J Feilden 95
127 (14) 2400-00 WAYWARD SON 46J (J Bridger) J Bridger 4-9-0 Miss M Bridger (5) 87
128 (15) 1040-05 TOFF SUNDAE 4 (S) (P Coleman) P McEntee 3-9-0 Miss Elaine Mills (5) 84

Long handicap: Bayin 8-10, Don't Drop Bombs 8-10, Wayward Son 8-8, Toff Sundae 8-6.

BETTING: 7-1 Dune River, 8-1 Aitch N'Bee, Wainwright, 10-1 Blockade, Nobby Barnes, 12-1 Rise Up Singing, Saifan, Shining Jewel, Themaam, 14-1 Heretical Miss, Elton Ledger, 16-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

2.35 EASTERN ELECTRICITY HANDICAP
C4
(3-Y-O: £6,160: 1m) (11 runners)

201 (9) 12410-4 WYNONA 29 (C,G) (Mrs M Griffith) G Bravery 9-7 W R Swinburn 85
202 (1) 32414-2 SHAMAM 27 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-10 W Carson 98
203 (6) 22000-2 SEASONAL SPLENDOUR 16 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-7 D Biggs 88
204 (11) 1200- SATIN DANCER 188 (G) (P Savill) G Harwood 8-6 M Roberts 94
205 (4) 4508-0 MY PATRIARCH 17 (P Winfield) J Dunlop 8-6 T Quinn 91
206 (3) 2010-54 PRINCELY FAVOUR 20 (BF,S) (C Hamer) R Hannon 8-5 M J Kinane 93
207 (8) 044020- DON'T JUMP 206 (Mark Tompkins Racing) M Tompkins 8-2 S Mulvey (7) 84
208 (10) 20310-6 WAHEM 36 (D,F) (F Kalla) C Brittain 7-12 B Doyle (5) 93
209 (7) 531-5 GROVE DAFFODIL 17 (G) (P Betts Ltd) M Tompkins 7-11 P Robinson 97
210 (2) 1151-22 EXCESS BAGGAGE 106 (D,BF) (F Golding) N Callaghan 7-10 N Carlisle [illegible]
211 (5) 123254 GREEN'S FAIR 17 (D) (R Green (Fine Paintings)) M Bell 7-8 J Quinn 97

BETTING: 9-2 Grove Daffodil, 6-1 My Patriarch, Wahem, 7-1 Satin Dancer, Seasonal Splendour, 8-1 Green's Fair, Shamam, 10-1 Princely Favour, 14-1 Excess Baggage, Wynona, 25-1 Don't Jump.

1992: GOOD REFERENCE 9-2 M Hills (9-1) M Bell 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

WYNONA beat No Reservations ½l in handicap here (7f, good) on penultimate start last year. SHAMAM 1½l 2nd of 10 to Intiaz in Lingfield (7f, good) stakes race. SEASONAL SPLENDOUR 2½l 2nd of 10 to Stella Mystika in maiden here (7f, good). PRINCELY FAVOUR 6¾l 4th to Gamock Valley in Kempton (6f, soft) handicap WAHEM 6l 6th of 13 to Dutosky in Doncaster (1m 3f 60yd, good to firm) handicap. EXCESS BAGGAGE short-head 2nd of 7 to Absolutely Fact in Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f) handicap. GREEN'S FAIR 3½l 4th to Tychonic in handicap here (7f, good) with GROVE DAFFODIL (2lb better off) short-head 5th.
Selection: SEASONAL SPLENDOUR

3.05 HARCROS TIMBER & BUILDING SUPPLIES STAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RATED STAKES
C4
(Qualifier: handicap: £7,438: 1m 4f) (7 runners)

301 (2) 332100- BRIER CREEK 174 (CD,F,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-7 M Roberts 91
302 (1) 210120- DUKE OF EUROLINK 216 (C,D,F,G) (Eurolink Group) L Cumani 4-9-5 R Cochrane 94
303 (7) 331/0- MUHARIB 358 (C,G) (F Kalla) C Brittain 4-9-3 W Carson –
304 (4) 222110/ CASTLE CAVALIER 587 (CD,F) (Lady Mary Mumford) Lady Herries 5-8-11 C Dwyer –
305 (6) 6452/03 SONG OF SIXPENCE 20 (D,F,G,S) (P Mellon) I Balding 9-8-11 J Reid [illegible]
306 (5) 215110- QUICK RANSOM 195 (D,F,G,S) (J Morrison) M Johnston 5-8-8 Dean McKeown 95
307 (3) 011034- MILLION IN MIND 197 (D,F,S) Mrs J Cecil 4-8-7 W Newnes 94

Long handicap: Million In Mind 8-6.

BETTING: 5-2 Quick Ransom, 11-4 Brier Creek, 4-1 Duke Of Eurolink, 5-1 Song Of Sixpence, 7-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

BRIER CREEK beat Kiveton Kabooz ¾l in 14-runner Doncaster (1m 6f 132yd, good to firm) handicap in September.
DUKE OF EUROLINK 1½l 2nd of 5 to Kasmayo in Doncaster (1m 4f, good to firm) listed race on penultimate start last year. SONG OF SIXPENCE 2¼l 3rd of 8 to Night Clubbing in Kempton (1m 4f, soft) handicap.
QUICK RANSOM beat Lift And Load head in 17-runner Ascot (1m 4f, soft) handicap on penultimate start last year. MILLION IN MIND 4¼l 4th of 15 to Waimu in handicap over course and distance (good to firm).
Selection: SONG OF SIXPENCE

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.40 JOCKEY CLUB STAKES
C4
(Group II: £33,794: 1m 4f) (8 runners)

401 (6) 13031-4 APPLE TREE 215 (B,D,G) (P de Moussac) A Fabre (Fr) 4-9-0 T Jarnet 82
402 (2) 61100-5 MASHAALLAH 13 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) J Gosden 5-9-0 J Reid 82
403 (5) 125441- SILVERNESIAN 184 (D,F,S) (Genecon Italia) J Dunlop 4-9-0 L Piggott 89
404 (8) 22131- GARDEN OF HEAVEN 194 (D,G,S) (B Voak) C Brittain 4-8-12 W Carson 93
405 (7) 312012- JEUNE 231 (F,G) (Exors of Sir Robin McAlpine) G Wragg 4-8-9 R Cochrane 88
406 (1) 21144-0 SHUAILAAN 16 (C,BF,F,G) (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) A Stewart 4-8-9 M Roberts 95
407 (3) 1/13- ZINAAD 188 (CD,F,G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-8-9 W R Swinburn 91
408 (4) 320213- ANNE BONNY 202 (C,G) (D Thompson) J Fanshawe 4-8-6 T Quinn 88

BETTING: 3-1 Shuailaan, 7-2 Zinaad, 4-1 Mashaallah, 5-1 Apple Tree, Jeune, 10-1 Anne Bonny, 12-1 others.

1992: SAPIENCE 6-8-12 R Cochrane (40-1) D Elsworth 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

APPLE TREE 1l 4th of 12 to Marildo in group II Prix d'Harcourt at Longchamp (1m 2f, soft). MASHAALLAH 5¾l 5th of 7 to Linpac West in group III Lanes End John Porter Stakes at Newbury (1m 4f, good). Better effort last season when beating Snurge neck in 9-runner group I Irish St Leger at the Curragh (1m 6f, soft) in September. SILVERNESIAN beat Red Bishop 1½l in 7-runner group I Gran Premio del Jockey Club at San Siro (1m 4f, soft). GARDEN OF HEAVEN beat Fabulous Hostess 4l in 6-runner group II Prix de Courseul de Paris at Longchamp (1m 4f, good). JEUNE ½l 2nd of 10 to Knifebox in group III Ablrust Select Stakes at Goodwood (1m 2f, good). SHUAILAAN 3¾l 4th of 10 to Rodrigo De Triano in group I Dubai Champion Stakes here (1m 2f, good to firm) on final start last year. ZINAAD 3l 3rd of 8 to Up Anchor in group III Castrel St Simon Stakes at Newbury (1m 4f 5yd, soft). ANNE BONNY 2¾l 3rd of 9 to Cunning in group III Princess Royal Stakes at Ascot (1m 4f, good to soft)
Selection: SHUAILAAN

4.10 NEWMARKET STAKES
C4
(Listed race: 3-Y-O colts: £12,771: 1m 2f) (5 runners)

501 (3) 111- TENBY 209 (F,S) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-4 Pat Eddery [illegible]
502 (5) 2212-2 DESERT TEAM 15 (G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) J Bolger (Ire) 8-10 C Roche 88
503 (4) 25-1 PLANETARY ASPECT 13 (G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-10 J Reid 90
504 (2) 21- SHAIBA 182 (C,G) (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-10 M Roberts 78
505 (1) 10-3 STAR MANAGER 20 (S) (M Arbib) P Cole 8-10 T Quinn 81

BETTING: 4-7 Tenby, 9-2 Desert Team, 6-1 Planetary Aspect, Shaiba, 14-1 Star Manager.

1992: CAPTAIN HORATIUS 8-13 W Carson (5-1) J Dunlop 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

TENBY completed treble, beat Blush Rambler 2½l in 11-runner group I Ciga Grand Criterium at Longchamp (1m, soft). DESERT TEAM ½l 2nd of 9 to Placerville in listed race here (1m 1f, good). PLANETARY ASPECT beat Clouded Elegance 2l in 22-runner Newbury (1m, good) maiden. SHAIBA beat Kamak neck in 9-runner stakes race here (1m, good). STAR MANAGER 6¼l 3rd of 5 to Right Win in listed race at Kempton (1m, soft)
Selection: TENBY (nap)

4.40 ARLINGTON MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,337: 5f) (23 runners)

601 (15) CONNECT (Mrs J Hannon) B Meehan 9-5 B Rouse –
602 (16) VICEROY RULER (R Joachim) J Jenkins 9-5 S Whitworth –
603 (22) 0 ERRIS BOY 15 (J Ruddy) R Williams 9-1 A Clark –
604 (17) 04 LORD SKY 15 (BF) (S Crown) P Cole 9-1 T G McLaughlin (7) 86
605 (4) SHERIFF (C Brown) J Hills 9-1 R Hills –
606 (13) SPORTING START (Sporting Partners) M Usher 9-1 N Adams –
607 (3) 24 GAELIC STAR 22 (BF) (Mrs G Maloney) R Hollinshead 8-11 W Ryan 91
608 (7) KINGSWELL PRINCE (S Crown) M Channon 8-11 T Quinn –
609 (19) 344 RISKY AFFAIR 10 (Mrs N Lewis) G Lewis 8-11 D Harrison (3) 88
610 (2) ANZIO (Mrs M Gray) G Bravery 8-7 L Dettori –
611 (5) BURES (J Wimbs) M Tompkins 8-7 P Robinson –
612 (12) HE SHALL REIGN (D Sieff) J Dunlop 8-7 W Newnes –
613 (6) 60 MARCH OF TIME 15 (B) (Mrs D Barker) D Thom 8-7 R Cochrane 73
614 (9) 0 PRIVATE FIXTURE 22 (H Steckmest) W Jarvis 8-7 J Reid 85
615 (18) TWIN CREEKS (The Armchair Jockeys) P Harris 8-7 Paul Eddery –
616 (23) 0 QUEENS STROLLER 16 (Lady Parker) B Hills 8-6 D Holland –
617 (1) 4 ACCESS ADVANTAGE 16 (Mrs E Williams) R Boss 8-2 M Roberts [illegible]
618 (21) CRYSTAL MAGIC (D Sieff) R Hannon 8-2 A McGlone –
619 (10) LUCY'S GOLD (Mrs L Holmes) M Ryan 8-2 D Biggs –
620 (11) MAZEEKA (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 8-2 A Munro –
621 (20) MILD REBUKE (P Player) D Loder 8-2 M Hills –
622 (14) PRIMA SILK (Three Ply Racing) M Ryan 8-2 G Bardwell –
623 (8) QUEEN'S TRUST (Mrs N Elwes) J Dunlop 8-2 W Carson –

BETTING: 7-2 Queen's Trust, 5-1 Access Advantage, 8-1 Gaelic Star, Lord Sky, 10-1 Anzio, Mazeeka, 12-1 Crystal Magic, Mild Rebuke, 14-1 Bures, He Shall Reign, Sheriff, 16-1 Kingswell Prince, 20-1 others.

1992: TOOCANDO 8-7 R Cochrane (13-8 fav) C Allen 14 ran

5.10 NEWMARKET CHALLENGE WHIP (3-Y-O: 1m) (1 runner)

1 (1) WINTER FOREST (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0 M Roberts –

BETTING: Winter Forest walks over

1992: QUEEN WARRIOR 8-9 Pat Eddery (1-3 fav) P Walwyn 3 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
A Fabre	6	15	40.0	M J Kinane	3	9	33.3
Lady Herries	5	16	31.3	Pat Eddery	72	410	17.6
P Chapple-Hyam	11	44	25.0	W Carson	76	479	15.9
H Cecil	61	287	21.3	W R Swinburn	52	337	15.4
M Stoute	49	259	18.9	M Hills	32	221	14.5
J Gosden	34	193	17.6	L Dettori	52	376	13.8

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

NEWMARKET
C4

2.35: Grove Daffodil put up her best performance behind Tychonic on her seasonal debut here at the Craven meeting yet has been dropped 2lb by the handicapper. In a tricky handicap, Mark Tompkins's filly can take advantage of the leniency. Satin Dancer looks well treated but Guy Harwood has a poor strike rate recently at Newmarket (8.7 per cent in the past five years) and lack of a run counts against him. Princely Favour, partnered by Michael Kinane, has shown his best form on softer going.

3.05: Despite not running on the Flat last year, **Song Of Sixpence** looks as well as ever at the age of nine judged on his two runs at Kempton this campaign. Having won at Doncaster in 1991 off a handicap mark of 97 before going on to listed success, Ian Balding's stalwart is now off a mark of 91. Million In Mind, who is likely to set the pace, and Quick Ransom, winner of last year's Krug Trophy, look the main dangers.

3.40: A puzzling race which has proved a graveyard for favourites over the past decade. The thrice-raced Zinaad has twice won first time out and still has room for improvement, while Jeune's sparkling turn of foot makes him a threat on the drying ground. However, the selection is **Apple Tree**. Andre Fabre's runner won a group one race in Cologne last September, and was a promising fourth of 12 in a group two contest at Longchamp a month ago.

4.10: Tenby, rerouted here after being pulled out of last Saturday's classic trial at Sandown due to the soft ground, should take this in style and justify his position at the head of the Derby betting.

RICHARD EVANS

BANGOR

THUNDERER

5.45 Thatcher Rock. 6.15 Saymore. 6.45 Uncle Mogy. 7.15 Ringland. 7.45 Overheard. 8.15 Ghia Gneuiagh.

Brian Beel: 7.45 Overheard.

GOING: GOOD SIS

5.45 RHYL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,160: 2m 4f 110yd) (5 runners)

1 1181 THATCHER ROCK 18 (D,F,G,S) P Nicholls 8-11-10 P Hide
2 3256 MY SKIWAY 30 (F,G,S) T Donnelly 10-11-10 T Eley (3)
3 1222 KILHALLON CASTLE 41 (G,S) G Richards 10-11-5 B Harding (5)
4 P414 ELITE BOY 23 (D,F) D McCain 11-10-9 D Walsh (3)
5 UF80 COMEDY ROAD 7 (B,F,G) R Lee 9-10-9 D Meredith

5-4 Thatcher Rock, 2-1 Kilhallon Castle, 6-1 My Skiway, 8-1 Elite Boy, 12-1 Comedy Road.

6.15 COLWYN BAY SELLING HURDLE
(£2,074: 2m 1f) (13)

1 603P BARLEY MOW 7 (D,F) Mrs B Waring 7-12-0 D Bentley (5)
2 110U JOHNSTED 20 (B,G) W Clay 7-12-0 Diane Clay
3 64/6 MISTER BYBLOS 20 (D,F,S) R Price 7-12-0 Mr D Duggan (7)
4 /030 COMEDY RIVER 39 J Spearing 6-11-8 R Dunwoody
5 4254 FIRST DIVISION 35 (B,S) W Jenks 10-11-8 Mr T Jenks (5)
6 4P33 RAAWI 6 (BF,F) J Glover 5-11-8 R Garritty
7 0442 SAYMORE 34 (G) R Hollinshead 7-11-8 S Wynne (3)
8 0243 YAMANOUCHI 43 (D,F,G) D Moffatt 9-11-8 D J Moffatt (3)
9 P500 ALAMIR 18 (B) Mrs A Swinbank 5-11-2 J Railton
10 0-FF CADDLESTOWN 39 (B) D McCain 9-11-2 R Edwards (7)
11 455/ DEE JAY PEE 792 B Preece 7-11-2 N Jackes (7)
12 KAYMONT 36F J Wilson 5-10-11 S J O'Neill
13 P-02 RAGLAN LADY 7 A Bailey 6-10-11 T Wall

6-4 Comedy River, 3-1 First Division, 4-1 Saymore, 13-2 Yamanouchi, 10-1 Johnsted, 14-1 others.

6.45 PORT BRAKE SERVICES NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,866: 2m 1f 110yd) (7)

1 11F0 AIR COMMANDER 8 (D,F,G) Mrs P Joynes 8-11-10 T Wall
2 2U13 UNCLE MOGY 27 (CD,F) D Nicholson 7-11-2 R Dunwoody
3 1605 FRISCO CITY 18 (G) Mrs M Rimell 7-11-1 Mr M Rimell (7)
4 4282 NADIAD 18 (BF,F,G) D McCain 7-11-0 S J O'Neill
5 -543 TRAVELLER'S TRIP 6 (S) J Mackie 12-10-8 T Eley (5)
6 00-4 COBBLERS CROSS 18 R Peacock 8-10-8 S Cowley
7 0400 SHUTAFUT 100 T Forster 7-10-8 C Llewellyn

5-4 Uncle Mogy, 7-2 Nadiad, 9-2 Air Commander, 7-1 Frisco City, 12-1 Shutafut, 14-1 Traveller's Trip, 25-1 Cobbler's Cross

Blinkered first time: There are no horses blinkered for the first time today

7.15 RED MILLS IRISH HORSE FEEDS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,484: 2m 1f) (10)

1 0150 RINGLAND 24F (G) D Moffatt 5-11-10 D J Moffatt (3)
2 05P0 PRIDEWOOD GOLDING 7 R Price 6-11-3 R Davis (5)
3 P114 LEESWOOD 20 (CD,F,S) R Lee 5-11-1 C Llewellyn
4 0066 FIDDLER'S DRUM 35 G Richards 6-10-10 B Harding (7)
5 1504 JUPITER MOON 6 (CD,G) Mrs A Swinbank 4-10-7 C Dennis (3)
6 U4F0 LOXLEY RANGE 13 (S) O Brennan 5-10-3 M Brennan
7 3435 RISING TEMPO 53 B Baugh 5-10-0 Gary Lyons
8 FPP6 THE FLYING FOOTMAN 9 D Nicholson 7-10-0 R Dunwoody
9 -0PP VAZON EXPRESS 37 P Dalton 7-10-0 N Mann
10 /4P0 FOREST LORD 13 D McCain 9-10-0 D Walsh (5)

9-4 Leeswood, 4-1 Ringland, 5-1 Jupiter Moon, 6-1 The Flying Footman, 8-1 Fiddler's Drum, 10-1 Loxley Range, 14-1 Pridewood Golding, 16-1 others.

7.45 MOLD NOVICES HUNTER CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,489: 3m 110yd) (11)

1 211 GOLD SHOT 16 (D,F,S) P Bowen 7-12-8 T Jones (7)
2 -211 QUEEN'S CHAPLAIN 17 (D,F,S) Mrs A Swinbank 9-12-8 C Wilson (7)
3 0-1 OVERHEARD 23 (D,S) Miss C Saunders 6-12-5 J Greenall
4 00P/ ANGLESEY RAMBLER 2022 J Hewitt 11-12-0 R Hewitt (7)
5 3/R6 KNUCKLE DOWN 57 Mrs A Green 12-12-0 C Stockton (7)
6 RANDOM PUSH P Bowen 8-12-0 M Lewis (7)
7 3435 RHU NA HAVEN 49 R Aston 9-12-0 C Barlow (7)
8 425 RUSTY BRIDGE 23 J Johnson 6-12-0 Miss C Thomas (7)
9 00/4 SPRINGMOUNT 57 (F) Mrs Jan Wood 9-12-0 Miss S Swindells (7)
10 YANKEE RHYTHM Miss K Bryan 9-12-0 G Hanmer (7)
11 P33/ PATCHOULI'S PET 850 (F) F Matthews 10-11-9 J Rice (7)

11-8 Gold Shot, 3-1 Overheard, 4-1 Queen's Chaplain, 8-1 Knuckle Down, 12-1 Springmount, 14-1 others.

8.15 PRESTATYN NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,270: 2m 7f 110yd) (11)

1 2112 RONANS GLEN 30 (F) M Wilkinson 6-12-1 S J O'Neill
2 PP21 GHIA GNEUIAGH 10 (S) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-9 C Llewellyn
3 -413 WADELEY 20 (BF,S) J Edwards 6-11-9 Mr T Jenks (5)
4 0F50 WAR BEAT 51 (F) B Baugh 5-11-9 Gary Lyons
5 -006 EQUITY CARD 13 L Barratt 5-11-3 S Wynne (3)
6 5106 NIYAKA 13 J Wilson 6-11-3 R Dunwoody
7 26P5 ON CUE 13 K Bridgwater 6-11-3 D Bridgwater
8 -533 VANISIO 41 Mrs B Waring 6-11-3 N Mann
9 60-5 CELTIC RHYME 209 P Dalton 8-10-12 D Winter (7)
10 PPPP PEWTER PETA 63 (B) G Roe 9-10-12 P Maddock (7)
11 06 SCALLY'S COMET 30 B Preece 4-10-5 T Wall

6-4 Wadeley, 2-1 Ronan's Glen, 11-2 Ghia Gneuiagh, 8-1 Vanisio, 12-1 Niyaka, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Richards, 33 winners from 118 runners, 28.0%; N Twiston-Davies, 7 from 29, 24.1%; D Nicholson, 6 from 28, 21.4%; J Edwards, 11 from 66, 16.7%; T Forster, 3 from 21, 14.3%

JOCKEYS: C Dennis, 3 winners from 8 rides, 37.5%; C Llewellyn, 7 from 32, 21.9%; R Garritty, 4 from 25, 16.0%; R Dunwoody, 10 from 70, 14.3%; Diane Clay, 3 from 29, 10.3%; D J Moffatt, 3 from 30, 10.0%.

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5.30 JOHN WADE HAULAGE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,969: 2m 5f 110yd) (17 runners)

1 5623 THE YOMPER 18 (G,S) R Curtis 11-11-10 G Crone (7)
2 -065 VALE OF SECRECY 6 (D,F,S) R Fisher 12-11-9 C Grant
3 -35P BOLGHERI 78 (S) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-8 P Niven
4 0111 VALSEUR 7 (CD,F,G,S) L Lungo 4-11-8 (6ex) F Perratt (7)
5 0000 CONTACT KELVIN 20 (F,G,S) N Bycroft 11-11-6 T Reed
6 4025 TEMPORALE 30 (BF,F,G,S) K Burke 7-11-6 R Supple
7 0P-0 ITALIAN TOUR 20 (C,F,G) Mrs G Plowright 13-11-6 A Mulholland
8 P032 INVITE D'HONNEUR 15 (G) C Broad 11-11-5 Jacqui Oliver
9 P666 MILL DE LEASE 18 (C,F,G) J Dooler 8-11-1 M Hourigan (3)
10 0002 SHAHMIRAJ 24 (G) V Thompson 5-10-12 B Clifford
11 444P TOM TOWLEY 18 A Smith 7-10-11 L O'Hara
12 F-35 MIDNIGHT FLOTILLA 18 Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-10-11 G Tormey (7)
13 P524 HUNMANBY GAP 24 P Beaumont 8-10-10 C Hawkins
14 P/005 GODOUNOV 144 (G) T Fairhurst 10-10-9 J Callaghan
15 3242 STRONG FANCY 9 (B,G) S Kettlewell 10-10-7 N Bentley (3)
16 6050 PAMVAC 32 (V) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-5 S Mason (7)
17 0660 AUGUST 18 (C,F) J Fort 12-10-0 P Waggott (5)

6-4 Bolgheri, 4-1 Valseur, 5-1 Temporale, 8-1 Mill de Lease, 10-1 The Yomper, 14-1 Invite d'Honneur, Vale Of Secrecy, 16-1 others.

6.00 JOHN JOYCE NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,689: 3m 3f 110yd) (8)

1 1225 BISHOP'S TIPPLE 20 (CD,G) T Carr 7-11-7 B Storey
2 2513 MARRA'S ROSCOE 76 (BF,S) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-7 P Niven
3 -F14 MR GLEN 7 (F) N Mason 8-11-7 J Supple (7)
4 B424 BUSY BOY 6 R Lamb 6-11-0 A Merrigan
5 0F36 CLONMILL 13 (S) J Curtis 8-11-0 C Grant
6 4FUP COURSE OF ACTION 93 (B) P Beaumont 8-11-0 C Hawkins
7 0566 TRUE DILEMMA 27 A Fowler 6-11-0 R Marley
8 00P FLAME OF ARAGON 35 W Kemp 7-10-9 S McDougall (7)

2-1 Marra's Roscoe, 9-4 Bishop's Tipple, 5-1 Clonmill, Mr Glen, 8-1 others.

6.30 WEARSIDE HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,820: 2m 5f) (5)

1 2F00 FLIGHT HILL 6 (C,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 9-12-0 P Niven
2 P55P LAURIE-O 24 (C,F,G,S) R Lamb 9-11-0 A Merrigan
3 1413 NIGHT GUEST 37 (F,G,S) P Monteith 11-10-12 M Moloney
4 433P BEN TIRRAN 32 (CD,F,G) Mrs S Lamyman 9-10-0 D Telfer
5 P0PP CALMATA 6 Lady Ann Bowlby 12-10-0 G Harker

5-4 Night Guest, 6-4 Flight Hill, 6-1 Ben Tirran, 8-1 Laurie-O, 33-1 Calmata.

7.00 TEESSIDE NOVICES CHASE
(£2,232: 3m 3f) (11)

1 1101 POLAR REGION 9 (CD,F,G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-12-0 P Niven
2 3503 SHERMAGO 46 (F,G) Mrs J Goodfellow 11-11-5 A Orkney
3 5230 ALIAS SILVER 24 J Curtis 6-11-4 C Grant
4 6F56 BRUSHFORD 13 J Wade 9-11-4 K Jones
5 2305 CLONONY CASTLE 18 (B) J J O'Neill 7-11-4 A Dobbin (3)
6 P635 FEARLESS KING 25 E Robson 7-11-4 K Johnson
7 U464 MORGANS HARBOUR 23 K Burke 7-11-4 R Supple
8 3U4P ROSEHIP 18 (F) P Cheesbrough 8-11-4 A Lamach (3)
9 3P04 TRAVAIL TEMPORAIRE 18 T Caldwell 7-11-4 Pat Caldwell
10 FFP6 VEE TEE 9 V Thompson 7-11-4 A Merrigan
11 40P0 JUST PRETEND 9 (B) V Thompson 9-10-13 B Clifford

1-2 Polar Region, 5-1 Morgans Harbour, 8-1 Clonony Castle, 10-1 Shermago, 16-1 Rosehip, 33-1 others

7.30 DURHAM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' NOVICES HURDLE (£1,822: 2m 1f 110yd) (12)

1 0423 ASTRALEON 39 R Allan 5-11-0 A Dobbin
2 62 DE JORDAAN 68 Mrs M Reveley 6-11-0 R Colles (7)
3 2426 HEATHVIEW 20 Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-0 F Leahy (5)
4 11-2 KENILWORTH LAD 84 (BF,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-0 S Mason
5 4440 NOTARIUS 32 J Wade 5-11-0 D Ryan (5)
6 60-43 OWT ON 64 J Fort 6-11-0 P Waggott
7 00 TRAP DANCER 18 B Mactaggart 5-11-0 S Lyons
8 0-0R DIDSBURY RED 149 W Smith 6-10-9 M Hourigan
9 04U5 ROYAL VACATION 45 G Moore 4-10-8 N Bentley
10 05 AIDE MEMOIRE 20 Mrs B Broad 4-10-3 C Woodall (3)
11 3 RICH HEIRESS 81 V Thompson 4-10-3 B Clifford
12 3304 SHAYNA MAIDEL 20 J Birkett 4-10-3 A Lamach

5-2 Kenilworth Lad, 9-2 Astraleon, 5-1 De Jordaan, 11-2 Heathview, 7-1 Owt On, Royal Vacation, 10-1 Shayna Maidel, 20-1 others.

8.00 TYNESIDE HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,448: 2m 5f 110yd) (11)

1 U6F0 BONANZA 33 (C,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-12-0 R Hodge
2 0112 FIRM PRICE 14 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 12-11-11 P Niven
3 10UP FOX CHAPEL 6F (C,G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-6 D Byrne
4 2315 THE GREEN FOOL 9 (C,F,G,S) V Thompson 6-11-1 B Clifford
5 4450 SWEET CITY 13 (S) G Richards 8-11-1 B Storey
6 00-0 LOOSE ENDS 13 (F) T Caldwell 6-10-8 Pat Caldwell
7 0264 THARSIS 32 (G) W Smith 8-10-5 C Grant
8 4030 TV PITCH 41 (C,F) D Lee 5-10-2 W Dwan (5)
9 0464 KNIGHTS 6 (C,G) C Broad 7-10-0 Jacqui Oliver
10 5053 TIMURS DOUBLE 6 (F,G,S) W Sample 12-10-0 P Williams (5)
11 1031 CHEEKY POT 30F (B,C,F,S) Denys Smith 5-10-0 P Waggott (5)

9-4 Firm Price, 7-2 Cheeky Pot, 5-1 Sweet City, 6-1 The Green Fool, 9-1 Fox Chapel, 12-1 Tharsis, 14-1 Bonanza, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Jimmy Fitzgerald, 22 winners from 66 runne- Lungo, 5 from 18, 27.8%; Mrs M Reveley, 52 from 1- Kettlewell, 6 from 25, 24.0%; P Cheesbrough, 3 from 1- O'Neill, 12 from 55, 21.8%; G Moore, 27 from 153, 17.6

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 54 winners from 227 rides, 23.8%; - from 17, 23.5%; C Grant, 47 from 222, 21.2%; R Hodge, 21.2%; D Byrne, 13 from 64, 20.3%; J Callaghan, 14 from

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Shawiya confirms superiority with facile success

SHAWIYA proved herself the best four-year-old hurdler when she confirmed the merit of her Triumph Hurdle success with an emphatic victory in yesterday's Murphys Irish Stout Championship Hurdle at Punchestown (Our Irish racing correspondent writes).

Her trainer, Michael O'Brien, who is confined to a wheelchair, could not conceal his pleasure at her win here, saying afterwards: "The one thing about her is how she loves to jump."

Titled Dancer, who had got within half a length of Shawiya prior to Cheltenham, attempted to mount a challenge to Shawiya between the final two flights but the filly bounded away and came home a nine-length winner.

Judicial Field, who had been about three lengths behind Shawiya in the Triumph, was now a dozen lengths away third, demonstrating just how much progress the winner has made. O'Brien said: "I will rest her now and bring her back to action at Listowel in preparation for the Breeders' Cup."

The victory put jockey Charlie Swan level with Richard Dunwoody for the meeting's top jockey award, but Dunwoody struck back in the Bank of Ireland Novices' Chase when the David Nicholson-trained Viking Flagship became the only horse to win two races at the meeting by beating Antonin four-and-a-half lengths. The race was marred however by the loss of the joint-favourite Soft Day, who shattered his near foreleg at the second fence and had to be put down.

□ Anusha earned herself a reprieve from the Doncaster sales ring when sweeping from last to first in the Bellshill Claiming Stakes at Hamilton Park yesterday. Jack Berry, her trainer, said: "This was her last chance."

Green baize and boring days at the Crucible

Do not go to the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield for the snooker. There was some point in witnessing the game live before the advent of colour television — but no more.

The frames last for ever — screaming out for edited highlights. All around are advertisements for Embassy cigarettes, though nobody, except the non-striking player, may smoke; we in the auditorium are not allowed to eat or drink either and when Mr Hendry misses a plant we turn to our neighbour to say "rhubarb" the referee shouts "Gentlemen, please".

Do not go to the Crucible for snooker, because you can't see a lot: when you watch on television, they line up the shots so that you can accurately gauge the degree of difficulty: sitting in the sixteenth row, 20 feet above the green baize, you have little idea of whether Wattana's pot of the black is a monumental fluke or a manifestation of brilliance.

The world snooker championship continues for another four days. Do not go. There's no point: anyway, all the seats for all the sessions have been sold.

I went. Snooker administrators are a charmless bunch, hot on security. Sign this; wear that; one-three-two is today's number for the combination lock on the gents.

I sat for three hours watching Mr Griffiths — the holder of several records for long frames: he sizes up the situation then walks around the table to see how it looks from the other side, contemplates life in general and the various consequences of his proposed shot in particular, pauses while the applause from the adjacent table abates, lines up the cue ball, changes his mind and his stance, then decides that he was right the first time; he checks that nothing has changed from when he started the manoeuvre, plays, misses, and returns to his cigarette.



FREUD ON FRIDAY

His favourite colour is blue. His favourite food, chips. He lives in Llanelli and was born under the sign of Libra. In 1979 he won the world title... as a consequence of which they reduced the number of frames in the final from 47 to 35. I read this in the £3 souvenir programme, but for which auspicious purchase I might have become the oldest hack to start biting his finger-nails.

I took Mr Steve (the Nugget) Davis out to dinner. We had met some years ago when I partnered Mr Jimmy (Whirlwind) White and beat Davis and an Irish actor 141-0, although I did not on that occasion get to hit a ball.

I asked Davis, a veteran of 14 years at Sheffield, where we should eat. He said Mama's Pizzeria was good. I asked in what way it was good.

He thought for a bit and said: "Well, it's just up the road." He is not called Steve "Interesting" Davis for nothing.

When we had walked 40 yards, the crowd, waiting at the stage door, who had let him pass by, realised who he was and chased after us. He spent five minutes good-naturedly signing autographs and posing for pictures.

Why do spectators come to watch? I asked him in the restaurant after he had ordered a Pizza Adriatica without onions, artichokes or olives.

It is for camaraderie; they like sitting there, quietly, in the company of others who like sitting quietly.

But they can't see anything.

Davis did not think that was a criterion.

Mama's Pizzeria has been going since 1968 and their slogan is "You'll always be made welcome".

I suggested that we have some vin rose. Davis said he would rather have a Budweiser. I ordered two Budweisers and when they came, they were lukewarm; I asked the waitress if we might have cold beer, like from cans that had been in the refrigerator or anywhere outside the kitchen. This embarrassed my guest hugely: I don't think he had ever met anyone who had sent back anything.

We talked of Griffiths, "one of my best mates", and Alex Higgins, "not the power he was"; I asked whether Mr Drago — who plays very quickly — was a talent to watch (He is not). And as Mama's listed a hot fudge cake on their dessert menu, this being subheaded "Best Best" we decided to have one each. They were all right.

Time to catch the last train to London.

"Where will you go now?"

"Back to my hotel."

"Do you have a suite?"

He laughed. "I have a room."

Consulting my souvenir programme, I pointed out that, apart from sponsorships and endorsements, he has grossed £3.5 million in prize money — his star sign is Leo, favourite food Marmite, car: none.

He reminds me that he is an Essex boy. Father works on the buses, hotel suites would be an extravagance.

He offers to pay half the bill and I decline, wish him well, watch him lose to Alan McManus on television — am sorry, though glad I was not there.

Do not go to the Crucible. Come to that, do not go to Mama's.

Sharp Pick brings Worcestershire to grinding halt

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

TRENT BRIDGE (first day of four; Worcestershire won toss): Nottinghamshire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 197 runs behind Worcestershire

ALL was splendour at Trent Bridge yesterday. The sun cast ghostly shadows across England's loveliest Test cricket ground, the members chuntered about the turbulent winter across the river at Nottingham Forest, and the men working on the new Lowater stand were mercifully silent. Then Worcestershire batted.

It is too early to infer much about their likely performance this season on the strength of the first day. It is reasonable, however, to imagine how their batting might hold up when Graeme Hick fails, as he did here. To be bowled out for 203 was little short of a capitulation. This sort of somnolent cricket, whether it is played over three days or four, has little interest for anyone.

Expressing his opposition to a four-day championship, Denis Compton declared: "We want batsmen who make hundreds in three hours, not three days." Even the first case would be slow going for the man who once made a triple century at a run a minute.

Compton is not necessarily right, because context is all. Even so, it was hard to divine what was so awkward about this pitch on which Tim Curtis, guessing correctly, demanded first go. The Worcestershire captain lunched on 27 and had made 43 at just under a run an over when Andy Pick achieved the yorker he had been striving for all day.

That wicket, the second of three that Pick took when he returned to bowl seven searching overs at the Radcliffe Road end, was merely the prelude to an interminable second act. Adam Seymour is the sort of chap who could take the top off an egg with a single crack, but his batting yesterday was fastidiously dull.

One can only surmise it is all in the mind. Batsmen, even those of belligerent intentions, feel they are beholden to spread their runs more thinly just because the game is longer instead of trusting their instincts. That Nottinghamshire bowled commendably — no more, no less — was partly due to the batsmen's woeful lack of adventure.

Seymour required 21 overs to reach double figures, and another 30 to make 32. Then, pushing Afford round the corner, he saw Pick hold a sharp catch at short leg. It was a good day all round for Pick, who must feel the dark days of 1992, when a shoulder injury disrupted his season, are well behind him.

Philip Weston, the left-handed opener who is not yet 20, supplied the most aggressive strokes. Encouraged by a handsome drive towards the pavilion off Afford, he perished in his boldness when Chris Lewis held an outstanding two-handed slip catch later in the over.

Another excellent slip catch, by Pollard, rewarded Pick. Hick, the batsman, had made but a single. There were also three wickets for Afford, and two apiece for Lewis and Cairns, who hit French's gloves as hard as anyone. We could do with a different sort of hitting today.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

*T S Curtis b Pick	43
W P C Weston c Lewis b Afford	38
G A Hick c Pollard b Pick	1
D B D'Oliveira b Pick	1
A C H Seymour c Pick b Afford	32
S R Lampitt lbw b Cairns	0
†S J Rhodes b Cairns	10
R K Illingworth b Lewis	30
P J Newport c Randall b Afford	0
N V Radford not out	12
A Wylie c Crawley b Lewis	0
Extras (b 6, lb 14, w 6, nb 10)	36
Total	203

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-76, 2-83, 3-97, 4-98, 5-98, 6-115, 7-187, 8-187, 9-203

BOWLING: Lewis 22-7-27-2, Pick 15-9-29-3, Afford 26-11-43-3; Cairns 17-3-53-2, Mike 16-5-25-0, Field-Buss 7-4-8-0

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

D W Randall not out	2
P R Pollard not out	4
Total (no wkt, 3 overs)	6

*R T Robinson, M A Crawley, C C Lewis, C L Cairns, G W Mike, †S N French, R A Pick, M G Field-Buss and J A Afford to bat.

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 4, Worcestershire 1

Umpires: B J Meyer and P B Wight.

Broad brightens surroundings

BY IVO TENNANT

BRISTOL (first day of four: Gloucestershire won toss): Gloucestershire have scored 261 for eight wickets against Middlesex

FORGET all that talk of Bristol being a bleak and unfashionable place to watch cricket. Any more innings like this from Chris Broad and scouts and selectors aplenty will be converging to watch him in the coming weeks.

His half-century, his second of the week, was especially notable for the sweet manner in which he timed the ball at such an early stage of the season. True, he was fed a number of full-length balls on his legs that were ideal for his favoured on-drive, but there was something in the green pitch for the quicker bowlers.

Provided Fraser can bowl with as much vigour as he did yesterday, Middlesex have one of the better balanced attacks for four-day cricket. Nobody other than Broad mastered them for long, even when the pitch dried out by late afternoon. It was, as they made evident in their noisy way, a good toss to lose.

No selectors were to be spied among a surprisingly reasonable crowd which included Alan Gibson, 70 next month and still doing battle with British Rail as he did in his many years with *The Times*. There was no lack of interest in Broad's return to the county of his birth, nor in his lovely driving on either side of the wicket. This brought him the majority of his nine fours.

Hinks put on 78 with him before unaccountably swatting a dreadful long hop from Keech to cover. It was the sort of ball Botham tries on and others cannot control but was, anyway, his first wicket in first-class cricket.

There were some tighter spells, especially from Fraser and Feltham, who, as Emburey did before him, has moved north of the river. He, too, took his first wickets for Middlesex.

Wright stayed a while and Alleyne found one or two classical cover drives, but overall Gloucestershire had a struggle of a kind they may well still be experiencing come September. Several batsman played themselves in, albeit slowly, and did not progress beyond the twenties. It is not enough in any cricket, but especially not the four-day game.

MARC ASPLAND



Driving force: Sorenstam, of Sweden, on the way to 71 at Woburn yesterday

Hackney feels Florida effect

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

LISA Hackney, of England, and Jill Kinloch, of Scotland, led the Ford Classic golf tournament after first rounds of 70, four under par, on the Duchess course at Woburn yesterday.

Hackney and Kinloch, who both spent time at college in the United States, were one shot ahead of a trio comprising Dale Reid, of Scotland, Annika Sorenstam, a Swede of whom much is expected, and Trish Johnson, of England, who had three birdies in the last five holes.

Kinloch, 24, from Cardross, near Glasgow, used to suffer from poor eyesight and dreadful putting, but she sorted out both problems over the winter and yesterday was rewarded with five birdies.

Hackney, 25, a former England international from Staffordshire, was fresh from eight weeks in Florida, and had an inkling that her hard work there had been beneficial when she pitched to two inches at the 1st. The birdie four was a formality and she went out in 35, two under par, despite a bogey at the 9th, and came home in 35, with further birdies at the 15th and 18th.

Reid, one of Hackney's playing partners, was one of those who fared less well at the last — but not as badly as Wendy Dicks, who took seven to drop from five under par to two under. Reid topped her drive 50 yards and took five.

Sorenstam, the leading individual in the world amateur team championship last year, also fell foul of the last, a par four of 361 yards. Five under par on the tee, she took six. She hit her drive behind the pine tree that stands sentinel on the right side of the fairway and discovered, when she hit her ball, that it was sitting on a root. The club went backwards and the ball went further right, into a tangle of gorse.

Sorenstam, making her debut on the European tour, said something firm in Swedish to her father, Tom, who was caddying for her, but remained calm as she played on. She is 22, has had two top-ten finishes in America this year and plays the game quickly.

She is lucid, level-headed and competitive, and should win a lot of tournaments. She also has a sister, Charlotte, who is two years younger and apparently just as good.

SCORES (GB and Ireland unless stated): 70: L Hackney, J Kinloch. 71: D Reid, A Sorenstam (Swe), T Johnson. 72: T Yarwood, F Dassu (It), H Wadsworth, S Nicklin, W Dicks. 73: D Dowling, R Lautens (Swez), S Gerard, W Doolan (Aus), S Mendiburu (Fra), S Moon (Us), V Pelli (Fra), M Navarro (Sp). 74: V Michaud (Fra), L Fairclough, J Hill (Zim), J Allmark (Swe), H Dobson, K Marshall, K Skalicky (US). 75: J Lawrance, A Arruti (Sp), N St-Marie (Can), L Mantz (SA), D Peinuzzi (US), M Wright, C Hjalmarsson (Swe), K Lunn (Aus), K Parker (US).

Penney enlivens slow day

BY JACK BAILEY

EDGBASTON (first day of four): Warwickshire have scored 256 for five wickets against Northamptonshire

IT WAS a day for the connoisseur sitting in the stand at the City end, basking in the sun and watching the cricket while discussing the prospects for Aston Villa with his friends. There was little to get excited about.

Glorious weather apart, there was a four-day format predictability about it all as Warwickshire, put in by ...ob, recovered from shaky ...nings as a lively pitch ...ed, led by Trevor ...58 in little short of ... and a stand of 95 ...im and Dominic ...shed the day on an ... was a case for some relief in the Warwickshire camp. Northamptonshire before lunch were a daunting prospect as Curran, Taylor and Capel found bounce and movement off the seam and the early Warwickshire batsmen, of whom only Twose — an early casualty yesterday — is liable to charge the enemy, played, missed and edged.

Five wickets before soup were on the cards as the new, hard ball zoomed around. Northamptonshire's bowlers were not blessed by fortune, however. Moles found it out for three hours. Ratcliffe rode an inordinate amount of luck and some bowling received scant reward.

So it was that Lamb's decision to take advantage of the latent moisture in the pitch fell short of highest expectations. There was all the time in the world for Warwickshire to regroup. Nobody better than Moles, with his restricted repertoire, could be imagined to fit the circumstances. His survival enabled Ostler and Penney to speed the rate along to something above two runs an over once conditions had become benign.

Both played straight and comfortably after Moles had uncharacteristically chased a wide ball from Curran. Despite also claiming Ostler's scalp, Curran deserved better of the day, as did Capel and Taylor and, by Edgbaston standards, a goodly crowd.

☐ Mark Ealham, the Kent all-rounder, has withdrawn from Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI to face the Australians at Arundel on Sunday, because of a pulled side muscle. He is replaced by Dean Headley.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Seles plays down victory prospects

MONICA Seles, the top seed, took exactly an hour to beat Argentina's Patricia Tarabini 6-2, 6-2 yesterday to reach the quarter-finals of the women's tennis tournament in Hamburg before admitting that she did not expect to win the tournament after her lengthy break from competition.

"I'm still not where I was before the Australian Open, and I'm not going to expect too much of myself here," Seles said. Her serve was by far the stronger and she gave up only one point on it in the first set and did not face a break point throughout the match.

The third seed, Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, had an even easier passage, her opponent, Barbara Rittner, who was suffering from influenza and an ear infection, retiring after losing the first set 6-1. Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere, seeded fifth, joined her sisters in the last eight by beating Natalia Baudone 6-0, 6-1. It was her most comprehensive victory in nine months, marking the first occasion the three Maleeva sisters, from Bulgaria, have been in the quarter-finals of the same tournament.

Gallacher starts well

GOLF: Bernard Gallacher, the captain of the European Ryder Cup team, secured a surprise place among the first-round leaders in the Cannes Open yesterday. Gallacher, 44, in his first tour appearance since missing the half-way cut in Singapore on February 5, shot a four-under-par 67 to be just one stroke behind Pierre Fulke, of Sweden. His last victory was in the 1984 Jersey Open and he was not yet ready to predict success in this event: "The problem is putting three-and-a-half rounds together to get in contention," he said. "I've not even practised that much lately. But if I am leading with a couple of holes to go, I might hang on." Fulke, 22, took the outright lead by chipping in for an eagle on the long 16th while, behind him, Patrick Hall, from Harrogate, Silvio Grappasonni, of Italy, and Colin Montgomerie joined Gallacher on four under par.

England drop Bryant

BOWLS: David Bryant, 61, has been dropped by the England selectors for the home international series this year. When the teams for the trial match at Worthing on May 30 were announced yesterday, Bryant's name was missing for the first time since 1960, a year in which he won the national singles. His omission signals the end of an era, during which, over a period of nearly 40 years, he dominated the sport. Bryant won the world outdoor singles title three times, as well as four Commonwealth Games gold medals and 16 national titles. "I'm a bit disappointed, but not surprised," he said. "You have to be a young man to play bowls these days."

Hodkinson plans ahead



BOXING: Paul Hodkinson, right, who lost his World Boxing Council featherweight title on Wednesday in Dublin with a seventh-round defeat by Gregorio Vargas, of Mexico, is to seek a challenge for the World Boxing Organisation version of the championship. His manager, B. J. Eastwood, said yesterday: "We will go for a WBO title. Paul will have no difficulty beating those guys."

Whitaker edged out

EQUESTRIANISM: After a thrilling contest, Michael Whitaker and Everest Midnight Madness had to be content with second place in the grand prix at the Rome International Horse Show yesterday. The winner was the former Belgian footballer, Jean Claude Vangeenbrghe, on the chestnut mare, Osta Carpet Queen. Third was the French Olympic team member, Michel Robert, on his seasoned campaigner, San Patrignano Nonix. It was so close that Whitaker's shortening of his rein for one stride on the home turn denied him victory. The rain held off, which made the surface exceptionally good, well suited to speed merchants.

Scots' crown slips

SQUASH: Scotland's tenure as European champions ended after just one year in Aix-en-Provence yesterday as first Alan Thomson and then Derek Ritchie relinquished clear two-game leads as the Scots lost to Sweden 3-1. Although Peter Nicol won his second-string rubber, his team-mates were unable to match that result and the Scots slipped out before the semi-final stage. England are certain of a semi-final place in their fifteenth successive defence of the European women's title. They defeated both Ireland and France comprehensively yesterday and now meet Germany. Ireland play Holland in the other semi-final while Scotland and Wales meet in the play-off for fifth place.

Hampson declared fit

RUGBY LEAGUE: Steve Hampson, the Great Britain and Wigan full back, who has been suffering from a calf muscle strain, has been cleared to play in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final against Widnes at Wembley tomorrow. John Monie, the Wigan coach, will eliminate one member from his squad of 16 after a final training session today. The Widnes casualty list shows no signs of diminishing. They have five players doubtful — John Devereux, Andy Currier, Darren Wright, David Myers and Kurt Sorensen, the veteran New Zealand prop. Phil Larder, the Widnes coach, may delay naming the team until shortly before kick-off.

YESTERDAY'S CRICKET SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance County Championship

Warwickshire v Northamptonshire

EDGBASTON (first day of four; Northamptonshire won toss): Warwickshire have scored 256 runs for five wickets against Northamptonshire

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A J Moles c Ripley b Curren	47
R G Twose c Ripley b Taylor	5
J D Ratcliffe lbw b Capel	34
D P Ostler c and b Curran	46
T L Penney c Lamb b Capel	68
*D A Reeve not out	19
N M K Smith not out	12
Extras (b 1, lb 14, w 2, nb 8)	25
Total (5 wkts, 110 overs)	256

†K J Piper, G C Small, A A Donald and T A Munton to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-78, 3-112, 4-207, 5-234

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: A Fordham, N A Felton, R J Bailey, *A J Lamb, M B Loye, D J Capel, K M Curran, A L Penberthy, †D Ripley, J P Taylor and N G B Cook.

Bonus points: Warwickshire 2, Northamptonshire 2.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and D R Shepherd.

Glamorgan v Sussex

CARDIFF (first day of four; Glamorgan won toss): Sussex, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 318 runs behind Glamorgan

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S P James lbw b Hemmings	78
*H Morris c Moores b Hemmings	45
A Dale low b Salisbury	0
M P Maynard c Moores b Hemmings	37
I V A Richards c Gridding b Hemmings	8
P A Cottey c Hall b Lenham	22
R D B Croft c Lenham b Stephenson	60
R P Lefebvre c Moores b Stephenson	9
†C P Metson lbw b Salisbury	7
S L Watkin c Hall b Pigott	29
S R Barwick not out	23
Extras (b 5, lb 4, nb 4)	13
Total (101.1 overs)	331

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-110, 2-113, 3-151, 4-175, 5-176, 6-236, 7-250, 8-261, 9-281.

BOWLING: Stephenson 16-1-63-2; Gridding 16-2-75-0, Pigott 6.1-1-18-1, Hemmings 30-6-89-4, Salisbury 32-7-93-2; Lenham 1-0-4-1.

SUSSEX: First Innings

N J Lenham not out	10
J W Hall not out	3
Total (no wkt, 5 overs)	18

D M Smith, *A P Wells, P Speight, F D Stephenson, †P Moores, I D K Salisbury, A C S Pigott, E E Hemmings and E S H Giddins to bat.

Bonus points: Glamorgan 3, Sussex 4.

Umpires: J H Hams and N T Plews.

Gloucestershire v Middlesex

BRISTOL (first day of four; Gloucestershire won toss): Gloucestershire have scored 261 runs for eight wickets against Middlesex

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

B C Broad lbw b Feltham	59
S G Hinks c Ramprakash b Keech	25
R J Scott c Brown b Fraser	24
M W Alleyne c Carr b Feltham	25
*A J Wright b Keech	35
T H C Hancock c Gatting b Taylor	24
†R C Russell c Carr b Fraser	22
A M Smith c Ramprakash b Fraser	27
M Davies not out	2
K E Cooper not out	0
Extras (b 3, lb 7, w 9)	19
Total (8 wkts, 110 overs)	261

M J Gerrard to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-78, 2-107, 3-121, 4-152, 5-204, 6-204, 7-240, 8-261.

MIDDLESEX: M A Roseberry, M Keech, *M W Gatting, M R Ramprakash, J D Carr, †K R Brown, M A Feltham, J E Emburey, A R C Fraser, C W Taylor and P C R Tufnell.

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 2, Middlesex 3

Umpires: J W Holder and G Sharp.

Hampshire v Somerset

SOUTHAMPTON (first day of four; Somerset won toss): Somerset have scored 343 runs for five wickets against Hampshire

SOMERSET: First Innings

A N Hayhurst c Terry b Connor	23
M N Lathwell c Middleton b Udal	89
R J Harden b Marshall	97
*C J Tavare c Morris b Connor	15
N A Folland c Terry b Connor	91
†N D Burns not out	8
G D Rose not out	7
Extras (lb 7, nb 6)	13
Total (5 wkts, 113 overs)	343

A R Caddick, N A Mallender, H R J Trump and A P Van Troost to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-70, 2-169, 3-205, 4-310, 5-330.

HAMPSHIRE: V P Terry, T C Middleton, R S M Morris, D I Gower, *M C J Nicholas, M D Marshall, †A N Aymes, S D Udal, I J Turner, C A Connor and K J Shine.

Bonus points: Hampshire 2, Somerset 3.

Umpires: A A Jones and G A Stickley.

Leicestershire v Surrey

LEICESTER (first day of four; Surrey won toss): Leicestershire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 227 runs behind Surrey.

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell st Nixon b Potter	50
*A J Stewart st Nixon b Pierson	27
G P Thorpe c Nixon b Potter	23
M A Lynch c Robinson b Mullally	23
D M Ward c Nixon b Mullally	12
A D Brown c Potter b Pierson	49
†G J Kersey lbw b Pierson	11
M P Bicknell c Potter b Parsons	20
N M Kendrick c Robinson b Pierson	7
J E Benjamin c Potter b Parsons	12
A J Murphy not out	3
Extras (b 2, nb 6)	8
Total (108.2 overs)	245

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-70, 2-104, 3-111, 4-134, 5-148, 6-194, 7-203, 8-216, 9-238.

BOWLING: Mullally 25-8-70-2, Parsons 12.2-4-37-2; Wells 13-5-19-0; Pierson 32-7-57-4; Potter 28-10-60-2.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T J Boon c Thorpe b Murphy	3
*N E Briers not out	9
A R K Pierson not out	0
Extras (lb 1, nb 5)	6
Total (1 wkt, 7 overs)	18

J J Whitaker, P E Robinson, B F Smith, L Potter, V J Wells, †P A Nixon, G J Parsons and A D Mullally to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-12.

Bonus points: Leicestershire 4, Surrey 1.

Umpires: J D Bond and A G T Whitehead.

Other match

Yorkshire v Lancashire

HEADINGLEY (first day of four; Lancashire won toss): Yorkshire have scored 279 runs for seven wickets against Lancashire.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

*M D Moxon c Atherton b Barnett	48
A A Metcalfe b DeFreitas	9
S A Kellett st Hegg b Barnett	62
C White lbw b Barnett	6
†R J Blakey b Watkinson	95
D Byas c and b Watkinson	44
P W Jarvis not out	2
D Gough c Mendis b Barnett	0
R D Stemp not out	0
Extras (b 2, lb 9, nb 2)	13
Total (7 wkts)	279

J D Batty and M A Robinson to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-89, 3-115, 4-174, 5-277, 6-278, 7-279.

LANCASHIRE: G D Mendis, M A Atherton, N J Speak, *N H Fairbrother, G D Lloyd, †W K Hegg, M Watkinson, G Chapple, P A J DeFreitas, P J Martin and A A Barnett.

Umpires: D O Oslear and P Wiley.

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (22547)
7.00 Breakfast News (32601295)
9.05 A Word In Your Ear. MPs Paul Boateng and Charles Kennedy compete against actresses Brigit Forsyth and Gabrielle Drake in this morning's round of the verbal communication game (s) (1564672)
9.35 King Of The Road. Today Ross King and Anna Walker are in Scarborough (s) (7881360)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8280189) **10.05 Playdays.** Entertainment for toddlers (r) (s) (7685943)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick (88386566)
12.05 Pebble Mill. Music and chat from the Birmingham studio, with Alan Titchmarsh (s) (4909276)
12.45 Good Morning...with Anne and Nick. Review of the morning's items (s) (14488740) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (37554566)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Edward Stourton (Ceefax). Weather (66818)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (11763295) **1.50 Eldorado** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (18213382)
2.20 The Flying Doctors (s) (9291634) **3.05 Turnabout.** Word power quiz (s) (8222189)
3.35 Cartoon Double Bill (2674498) **3.45 Bananaman** (r) (8681634) **3.50 Harum Scarum.** Picture-book stories (r) (s) (8602127) **4.00 The Chipmunks** (r) (5273566) **4.15 Peter Pan and the Pirates.** Cartoon adventures. (Ceefax) (s) (3926130) **4.35 Kevin's Cousins.** Children's comedy/adventure (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7872837)
5.00 Newsround (5769856) **5.10 Round the Twist.** *Australian children's comedy (Ceefax) (s) (6243547)*
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (834011). Northern Ireland. Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart (Ceefax). Weather (189)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (769). Northern Ireland. Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado (Ceefax) (s) (3276)
7.30 The Rock 'n' Roll Years (b/w). More archive news footage and period music. Tonight the year is 1958 (r) (Ceefax) (653). Northern Ireland: Sportscene
8.00 Casualty: Body Politic. A crossbow attack and a young man's collapse cause the excitement in this week's episode of the medical drama (r) (Ceefax) (s) (141011)
8.50 Points of View. *Viewers'* reactions to recent television programmes, presented by Anne Robinson (s) (538566)
9.00 A Party Election Broadcast on behalf of the Liberal Democrats. (Ceefax) (936450)
9.10 News with Michael Buerk (Ceefax). Regional news and weather (777634)
9.40 The Riff Raff Element *(Ceefax) (s).* See Choice (530943). Northern Ireland: Anderson on the Box



Reunited: Kidman and Elliott (10.35pm)

10.35 Bangkok Hilton. *First* half of a two-part film drama starring Nicole Kidman and Denholm Elliott. When her mother dies, a young woman begins a dangerous search for the father she has never known. The trail leads from London to Thailand and matters rapidly become fraught (r) (Ceefax) (54324450). Wales: Slate 11.05-1.15am Bangkok *Hilton, Northern Ireland: 10.30 The Riff Raff Element* 11.20 The Rock 'n' Roll Years 11.50-1.30am Film: Blow Out **12.45am Weather** (3003265)

BBC2

6.45 Open University. Maths Methods: Projectiles (4928672) **7.10** Maths: The Poisson Process (6482059) 7.35 Maths: Area Games (7769189)
8.00 Breakfast News (8565363)
8.15 Westminster. Reports on yesterday's goings-on in the Lords and the Commons (5585837)
9.00 Daytime On Two. Educational programmes including, for children **1.20 Postman Pat** (r) (93150818) **1.35 Pinny's House** (r) (62541059)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Words and Pictures** (42970059)
2.15 Jumpcuts. A preview of the weekend's Open University programming (r) (60752189)
2.20 World Snooker. David Vine and Dougie Donnelly present coverage of both semi-finals of the world professional championship from the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. The "Shot of the Championship" will also be decided today. (s). Includes **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **3.00** and **3.50** (70228585)



Sylvester McCoy and Sophie Aldred (7.10pm)

7.10 Dr Who: Battlefield. From the Sylvester McCoy period of the cult time-travelling science fiction series, this is part two of four. The Doctor enlists the powers of Merlin, and Ace goes for a swim. With Sophie Aldred (r) (Ceefax) (907127)
7.35 The Great Picture Trail. This is the last in the week's series in which Neil MacGregor, director of the National Gallery, introduces his choice of great paintings from British galleries. Tonight he shows us Poussin's *Landscape with the Ashes of Phocion* (Ceefax) (126450)
7.45 What the Papers Say. Peter Bradshaw of the *Evening Standard* selects and presents this week's assortment of titbits from the newspapers (146214)
8.00 Public Eye. *See Choice (7586)*
8.30 Gardeners' World. For eight days the 14th World Orchid Conference and Show in Glasgow fills a space the size of a sports stadium with one of the most spectacular collections of these exotic plants ever to be brought together under one roof. Geoff Hamilton and Anne Swithinbank pay a visit (Ceefax) (s) (2301)
9.00 World Snooker. David Vine introduces the third session from the Sheffield semi-finals (s) (3127)
10.00 Have I Got News for You. Joining regular team captains Paul Merton and Ian Hislop tonight are comedian Frank Skinner and *Sun* columnist Richard Littlejohn. Angus Deayton, as usual, chairs the irreverent proceedings (s) (61214)
10.30 A Party Election Broadcast on behalf of the Liberal Democrats. (Ceefax) (381189)
10.40 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman (556301)
11.25 Weather (539924)
11.30 World Snooker. Concluding coverage of the day's semi-final matches (s) (55363). Wales: until 12.00 Wales in Westminster. Ends at **1.30am.**

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CHOICE



Husband-to-be: Nicholas Farrell (BBC1, 9.40pm)

The Riff Raff Element
BBC1, 9.40pm

Debbie Horsfield's offbeat comedy drama reaches its penultimate episode tonight with former ambassador Roger Tundish (Ronald Pickup) biting his stiff upper lip at the idea of losing his assistant Phoenix (Pippa Guard). Phoenix is a foreigner without a work permit, something which does not bother her but could prove highly embarrassing for Tundish. One solution is for his son Boyd to marry her, but, horrifyingly, Boyd wants it to be more than a platonic arrangement. Nicholas Farrell's Boyd is a classic character, combining gross insensitivity with ready lust. His blind date with another potential mate, Beverley, is wonderfully disastrous. The rest of the show seems pale by comparison.

Public Eye: Testing on Trial
BBC2, 8.00pm

In a change to the advertised programme, the series reports on an emotive and topical educational issue. With Wandsworth council having lost its High Court appeal, teachers' unions are poised to boycott school tests, a move which will surely spell disruption for pupils. As well as interviewing key government figures, reporter Su Pennington adopts a deliberately grassroots approach as she reports from an Abingdon school in the education secretary John Patten's own constituency. Parents, children and teachers all give their views.

Europe Express
Channel 4, 8.00pm

The current affairs strand continues to prove compulsory viewing for anyone seeking inside stories on Europe. This week there is a location report from the Croatian set of *A Time For...*, a film about a mother and son caught up in the civil war, plus a report from the Polish-Ukraine frontier where residents of the former Soviet Union queue up to leave their country. In the first part of the programme, we hear a surprising item from The Netherlands. As journalist Mieke van der Wey explains, "to foreigners, *flowers are the pretty face of Holland but to the Dutch,* flowers are a growing problem". Such is the extreme level of pesticides used in the industry that workers are finding their health affected. As unions campaign for a more caring approach, buyers too are beginning to ask for environmentally friendly blooms.

Brookside
Channel 4, 8.30pm

This consistently gripping soap has never been afraid to tackle difficult social issues from rape to redundancy, from heroin addiction to homelessness. This harrowing episode focuses on the deteriorating relationship between Trevor Jordache and his wife, Mandy. Routinely described as "a nutter" by others on the close, Trevor is in fact beating his wife and sexually abusing his daughters, but until Mandy herself admits what is happening, we have the impression that no amount of tut-tutting from neighbours will change the situation. Bryan Murray plays Trevor with an edge of melodrama reminiscent of Bob in *Twin Peaks*, but the *suffering of his family is horribly realistic. A helpline* will be open for three hours after transmission of the episode.
Stephanie Billen

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. Guests are Michael Praed and Arabella Tjye from the new *Riders* production (7321769)
9.25 Lucky Ladders Game show hosted by Lennie Bennett (s) (7764479) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7661363)
10.00 The Time. . . The Place . . . (4373301)
10.35 This Morning Weekday magazine (88370905)
12.10 Tots TV. Puppets for tinies (s) (8939363)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (5726009) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (93175127)
1.15 Home and Away. (Teletext) (206818) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Australian medical drama (s) (205189)
2.15 Life Goes On. American drama series (7175011)
3.10 News (Teletext) and weather (8272301) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8665130)
3.20 Blockbusters *Quickfire general knowledge quiz* game with teenagers in the hot seats (s) (1101108)
3.50 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. Children's animation (r) (7808634) **3.55 Grotbags** (r) (s) (5048837) **4.15 Talespin.** Animated thrills (r) (s) (1926950) **4.40 Press Gang** Children's drama set in a newspaper office (Teletext) (s) (6492856)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (4690158)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (468127)
6.00 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. The guests include Jilly Cooper. (Teletext) (90214)
7.00 Celebrity Squares. Quiz game show hosted by Bob Monkhouse. Among the guest celebrities tonight are Amanda Barrie, Baz Bamigboye and Gary Mason (s) (1672)
7.30 Coronation Street (Teletext) (721)
8.00 Conjugal Rites: Ill Feelings. Gwen Taylor and Michael Williams lead in the comedy series about a mature couple's married life (Teletext) (7092)
8.30 The Gingerbread Girl. Comedy starring Janet Dibley and John Diedrich. Former husband Matt finds things hard to take as Linda continues to see David (Dominic Guard) (s) (6127)



First assignment: Martin Shaw (9.00pm)

9.00 The Chief. East Anglian police drama series led by Martin Shaw as the new Chief Constable. There is a major incident on an offshore exploration rig on his first day in the post (4063)
10.00 A Party Election Broadcast on behalf of the Liberal Democrats (259914)
10.10 News (Teletext) and weather (750905)
10.50 Crime Monthly. Includes appeals for the identity of a conman who preys on the elderly and for witnesses to a rape in Wimbledon (653653)
11.50 Beverly Hills 90210. The Californian high school pals go camping (s) (695059)
12.40am The ITV Chart Show. Latest video hits and the rock chart (s) (9670371)
1.40 Whale On. Should the West intervene in Bosnia? (8468371)
2.40 American Gladiators. Battle of the hunks (5221325)
3.35 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. Film news (37003265)
4.05 Austin City Limits. New country sounds (3653361)
5.05 Riviera. French drama serial (9795604)
5.35 Night Shift. *Profiles of people who work in the* twilight hours (7629739)
5.40 ITN Morning News (5283826). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 I Love Lucy (b/w). The irrepressible Lucille Ball in zany classic comedy (8777437) **6.45 Spiff and Hercules** Cat and dog cartoon fun (r) (3124189)
7.00 The Big Breakfast. *Gaby Roslin and Chris Evans* front the Channel 4 morning mix (89769)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (42189)
9.30 Schools (949479)
12.00 The Parliament Programme. Anne Perkins reports on Westminster workings(55653)
12.30 Sesame Street. *American children's programme* that makes learning fun. Susan Sarandon is today's guest star (r) (18301) **1.30 Chicken Minute.** Puppet antics (r) (s) (89108)
2.00 Eat Your Greens. Imaginative ideas for vegetable cookery. Today Sophie Grigson shows how to do unexpected things with pumpkins and courgettes (r) *(Teletext) (28496059)*
2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Brough Scott introduces a four-race card (71225905)
4.30 Fifteen to One Fast and furious general knowledge knock-out quiz competition presented by William G. Stewart (Teletext) (s) (634)
5.00 Naked Sport: Be Like Mike. Monday's programme about the marketing of superstar basketball player Michael Jordan (r) (s) (8585)
6.00 Blossom American comedy series Nick discovers that his girlfriend has five children (s) (127)
6.30 Happy Days. 1950s-set US comedy. Chachi (played by Scott Baio) is upset when he finds out that his mother (Ellen Travolta — John's elder sister) is dating a stranger (Teletext) (479)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (860108)
7.50 First Reaction. Michael White of *The Guardian* on the bad news culture (Teletext) (s) (499818)



Dutch flowers: Mieke van der Wey (8.00pm)

8.00 Europe Express. See Choice (5634)
8.30 Brookside (Teletext) (s). See Choice (4769)
9.00 Grow Your Greens: Globe Artichokes, Asparagus and Cardoons. Running in tandem with *Eat Your Greens*, this is the programme that shows how to cultivate the green ingredients (Teletext) (2841)
9.30 Cheers. Comedy set in an American bar, starring Ted Danson and Kirstie Alley. Frasier, Cliff, Norm and Woody try to relive drive-in experiences of their youth (Teletext) (s) (93301)
10.00 Roseanne. American comedy starring Roseanne Arnold and John Goodman. Family plans are scuppered by a Christmas Eve snowstorm (Teletext) (s) (56382)
10.30 Whose Line Is It Anyway? To end the current series of often hilarious theatrical improvisations, Clive Anderson hosts a compilation of highlights from earlier shows (s) (815566)
11.05 Film: A Boy and His Dog (1975). Low-budget science fiction black comedy/thriller based on the novella by Harlan Ellison. In a devastated, post-apocalyptic world, a young man (Don Johnson — prior to achieving fame in *Miami Vice*) and his telepathic dog (with lines drolly delivered by Tim McIntire) roam in search of something better. Finally the boy must decide between love for a woman and that for his dog. Directed by L.Q. Jones (218160)
12.45 It's Showtime at the Apollo. *Ray Parker Jr is this* week's guest star at the Apollo Theater, Harlem (r) (4300178). Ends at **1.40.**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20pm-3.50 The Young Doctors (1101108) **5.10-5.40** The Munsters Today (4690158) **6.00** Home and Away (255856) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (180189) **10.55** Anglia Live (652924) **11.55** Married...with Children (807837) **12.20am** Night Heat (2597361) **1.15** Whale On (715807) **2.15** Raw Power (706159) **3.15** Entertainment UK (7315517) **4.10** Sportsworld (72864081) **4.40** Riviera (16701555) **5.10-5.40** Jobfinder (9794975)

BORDER
As London except: 1.45pm Challenge (205189) **2.15-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (7175011) **3.20-3.50** G.P (1101108) **6.00** Lookaround (585) **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road (837) **10.50** The Country Show (880769) **11.20** Miller and Mueller (422805) **12.20am** The War of the Worlds (2597361) **1.15** Whale On (715807) **2.15** Raw Power (6845028) **3.15** Entertainment UK (7315517) **4.10** Sportsworld (72864081) **4.40** Riviera (16701555) **5.10-5.40** Jobfinder (9794975)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15pm A Country Practice (206818) **1.45** Home and Away (205189) **2.15-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (1697653) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (1101108) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (4690158) **6.00** Home and Away (255856) **6.25-7.00** Central News (180189) *10.50 Crime Stalker (880769) 11.20 Film:* Murder by Death (222363) **1.05am** Film: Part-Time Wife (939604) **2.45** Whale On (798130) **3.45** The Beat (727642) **4.45** Jobfinder (3776082) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (7604420)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45pm Challenge of *the Seas (205189)* **2.15-3.10** A Country Practice (7175011) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (1101108) **6.00** HTV News (585) **6.30-7.00** HTV Sportsweek (837) **10.50** Brewhouse Jazz (880769) **11.20** Get Wet (761301) **11.50** Film: Trapped (327721) **1.15am** Whale On (715807) **2.15** Raw Power (706159) **3.15** Entertainment UK (7315517) **4.10** Sportsworld (72864081) **4.40** Riviera *(16701555) 5.10-5.40 Jobfinder (9794975)*

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Get Going **10.50-11.50** Swansea Festival

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.15pm Grass Roots *(220498)* **2.45-3.10** *Material World* (4302030) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (1101108) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (90214) **10.50** Film: Not Quite Jerusalem (Sam Robards, Joanna Pacula) (86209566) **1.15am** Whale On (715807) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (16178) **2.45** Raw Power (798130) **3.45** Cue the Music (1719807) **4.40** *Zorro* (15392975) **5.00-5.30** *Freescreen* (9794975)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.45pm-3.10 Film: Forces' Sweetheart (5175189) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (1101108) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (585) **6.30-7.00** Earthmovers (837) **10.50** The Warehouse (653653) **11.50** *Darts (327721)* **1.15am** *Whale On (715807)* **2.15** The Big E (6845028) **3.10** Film: Firecreek (James Stewart, Henry Fonda) (678468) **5.00** Get Wet (9715468) **5.25-5.40** Night Bites (5047410)

ULSTER
As London except: 6.00pm-7.00 UTV Live at Six (90214) **10.50** Kelly (7387160) *12.20am Prisoner Cell Block H (2597361)* **1.15** Whale On (715807) **2.15** Raw Power (5708913) **3.15** Entertainment UK (7315517) **4.10** Sportsworld (72864081) **4.40** Riviera (16701555) **5.10-5.40** Jobfinder (9794975)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45pm Blockbusters (205189) **2.15** The Sullivans (220498) **2.45-3.10** *Gardener's Diary* (4302030) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (1101108) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (90214) **10.50** Crime Stalker (880769) **11.25** Film: Vengeance: The Story of Tony Cimo (627769) **1.15am** Whale On (715807) **2.15** Raw Power (706159) **3.15** Entertainment UK (7315517) **4.10** Sportsworld (75532159) *4.40 Riviera (84130) 5.10-5.40 Jobfinder*

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.45pm-3.10 Film: Forces' Sweetheart (5175189) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (1101108) **5.55** Calendar (843011) **6.30-7.00** Battle of the Bands (837) **10.50** The Warehouse (653653) **11.50** Film: Beach House (327721) **1.15am** Whale On (715807) **2.15** The Big E (6845028) **3.10** Film: Firecreek (James Stewart, Henry Fonda) (678468) **5.00** Get Wet (9715468) **5.25-5.40** Night Bites (5047410)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (89769) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (42189) **9.30** Ysgolion (949479) **12.00** The Parliament Programme *(55653)* **12.30** *Slot Meithrin (80837)* **1.00** Little Rosey (82856) **1.30** Blossom (89108) **2.00** Maiden Voyage (28496059) **2.25** Channel 4 Racing (478585) **4.25** Slot 23 (3239295) **5.00** Fifteen To One (9450) **5.30** Brookside (214) **6.00** Newyddion (609924) **6.10** Heno (217672) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (9214) **7.30** Y Maes Chwarae (363) **8.00** Goreuon Awyriach (5634) **8.30** Darlledied Gwleidyddol (510160) **8.35** Newyddion (355160) **9.00** Snwcer (2841) **9.30** San Steffan (921653) **9.45** He Play/She Play (210059) **10.00** Roseanne (56382) **10.30** Whose Line Is It Anyway? (815566) **11.05** Film: A Boy and his Dog (218160) **2.45** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (24983498) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (5582547) **9.10** Cartoons (5690450) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (35301) **10.00** Strike It Rich (4404943) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (9277522) **10.30** Concentration (97653) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (42127) **11.30** Falcon Crest (58671) **12.30pm** E Street (13189) **1.00** Another World (6778547) **1.45** Santa Barbara (869301) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (514634) **3.15** Different Strokes (857566) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (4341450) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (2189) **6.00** Games World (2059) **6.30** E Street (6011) **7.00** Rescue (3818) **7.30** Family Ties (2295) **8.00** V (77301) **9.00** *WWF Superstars of Wrestling* (54837) **10.00** Code 3 (89634) **10.30** Star Trek: The Next Generation (27214) **11.30** Studs (90301) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (16498) **8.30** News and Business Report (512634) **9.30** Nightline (50045) **10.30** *48* Hours (79011) **11.30** Business Report (58653) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (80127) **1.30** Good Morning America (81856) **2.30** Parliament (38540) **3.30** The Lords (24059) **4.30** News and Business Report (9108) **5.00** Live at Five (96295) **6.30** News and Business Report (23059) **7.30** 48 Hours (8027) **10.30** Nightline (25856) **11.30** ABC News (99943) ***12.30am*** *48 Hours (96868)* ***1.30*** *ABC News* (65333) **2.30** Getaway (61611) **3.30** ABC News (83888) **4.30** Those Were The Days (18913) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (13028)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (6360030)
10.00 The Adventures of Hercules (1985) Starring Lou Ferrigno (17905)
12.00 A Separate Peace (1972): Teenage boys are concerned about the outbreak of the second world war (76721)
2.00pm The One and Only (1978). Henry Winkler becomes a wrestler (58276)
4.00 Zelig (1983): Woody Allen plays a human chameleon (4491)
6.00 The Adventures of Hercules (as 10am) (21365301) **7.40 US Top Ten**
8.00 The Rocketeer (1991). Bill Campbell becomes a comic-book hero (73585)
10.00 To Save a Child (1991): Marita Geraghty's baby is offered as a sacrifice to the Devil (83160)
11.30 Angel Town (1990): Martial arts drama starring Oliver Grun (644721)
1.15am China White (1990): Thriller about heroin smugglers in Amsterdam (201333)
3.05 RSVP (1984) Adam Mills auditions girls for a film role (5572807)
4.30 Istanbul (1989): *Timothy Bottoms* becomes involved in political intrigue and murder (13468). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Seconds (1966). John Randolph is transformed into Rock Hudson (21160)
8.00 The Lonely Man (1957, b/w). A gunfighter decides to go straight (33905)
10.00 The Dogs of War (1980): Christopher Walken organises a coup to overthrow an African tyrant (52491). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Great Imposter (1960): Comedy starring Tony Curtis (43740)
8.00 Lost in the Barrens (1990). Two boys are lost in the American wilderness (84740)
10.00 King of the Hill (1990): William Russ plays a veteran baseball player (15547)
12.00 Paper Moon (1973): Ryan and Tatum O'Neal as small-time con artists (74363)
2.00pm In Defence of a Married Man (1990) Judith Light's husband Michael Ontkean is accused of murder (56818)
4.00 Lost in the Barrens (as 8am) (16734950)
5.50 The Russia House (1990). John le Carre's spy thriller starring Sean Connery and Michelle Pfeiffer (64756498)
8.00 Harbour Beat (1990): Drama about corruption in the Sydney police force (71127)
10.00 Rambling Rose (1991): Laura Dern as a 1930s temptress (39653)
12.00 Mountains of the Moon (1990): Patrick Bergin and Iain Glen search for the source of the Nile (84982352)
2.15pm To Sleep with Anger (1990). Drifter Danny Glover arrives at a friend's house during a family feud (189197)
4.00 Cool Blue (1988): Painter Woody Harrelson pursues his dream woman (80791). Ends at **5.30**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Morning Stretch (29837) **7.00** NHRA Drag Racing Today (41547) **7.30** Netbusters (53382) **8.00** ATP Tour Magazine (75030) **8.30** Snowboarding (74301) **9.00** Morning Stretch (65653) **9.30** The Boot Room (55943) **10.30** European League Round-Up (37059) **11.30** Morning Stretch (78566) **12.00** Fishing the West (52189) **12.30pm** Netbusters (96011) **1.00** Formula One Grand Prix (91566) **2.00** European Golf: Cannes Open (289769) **5.00** The Boot Room (5059) **6.00** Soccer Weekend (53130) **7.00** British Motorsport (93363) **8.00** European Golf: Cannes Open (919498) **9.00** Match of the Week: England v Holland (12498) **11.00** Soccer Weekend Update (50295) **12.00** Badminton (42604) **1.00-2.00am** Ironman Triathlon (62062)

EUROSPORT
7.30am *Step Aerobics (48450)* **8.00** San Marino Grand Prix (49301) **9.00** Football 1994 World Cup (15634) **11.00** Tennis: Madrid Open (15856) **1.00pm** Karting (86634) **2.00** Ice Hockey (274837) **5.00** Motorsport (6617) **6.00** Motorcycling (7769) **6.30** News (1721) **7.00** Ice Hockey (779672) **9.30** NBA Basketball (47063) **10.00** Top Rank Boxing (25160) **11.30** NHL Ice Hockey (26011) **12.30-1.00am** News (31474)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (12141108) **6.15** Button Moon (12139363) **6.30** Dungeons and Dragons (6688214) **7.00** Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (3330214) **7.30** Neighbours (3319721) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1758450) **8.30** EastEnders (1757721) **9.00** The Bill (1771301) **9.30** The Brothers (5538924) **10.30** Tenko (6222566) **11.30** No Place Like Home (1242450) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1768837) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9197672) **1.00** EastEnders (3339585) **1.30** The Bill (9196943) **2.00** Never the Twain (7814740) **2.30** Solo (4891130) **3.00** Dallas *(1253566)* **4.00** *Dynasty (1265301)* **5.00** Candid Camera (7805092) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (6767238) **6.00** Neighbours (9846269) **6.30** The Brothers (3180653) **7.30** Never the Twain (3346045) **8.00** EastEnders (7801276) **8.30** Solo (7813011) **9.00** Tenko (9146030) **10.00** The Bill (1769566) **10.30** Alas Smith and Jones (1778214) **11.00** The Kenny Everett Television Show (1266030) **11.30** Dr Who (5668450) **12.00** Film: I Don't Want to Be Born (1978) starring Joan Collins (8348587) **1.40-2.00am** Videos (50817807)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (53479) **7.00** RatKan II (19547) **9.00** Jack in the Box (85092) **11.00** Stories Without Words (17479) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (18108) **12.00** *Secret Valley (15160)* **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (31108) **2.00** Stories Without Words (3856) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (2856) **3.00** Bobobobs (2363) **3.30** RatKan II (31818) **5.00** Electric Stringvest (6943) **6.00-7.00** Fame (44672)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Women's Studies — Mothers and Daughters **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: Purcell (Chacony in G minor); *Tchaikovsky (Suite,* The Sleeping Beauty); Bach (Violin Concerto in A minor, BWV 1041); Bruckner (Psalm 150)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Hummel (Mass in B flat; Trumpet Concerto in E flat)
10.00 Morning Sequence: Music from Bohemia, Slovakia and Moravia. Vejvanovsky (Serenade in C: Friedemann Immer Trumpet Consort); F X. Budinsky (O Deus meus: Musica Aeterna, Bratislava); Zelanka (Sinfonia in A minor: La Stagione, Frankfurt), Vincenz Fux (Canzon a 10 pro tabula); Heinrich Weber (Sonata pro tabula a *10*): Schmelzer (Sonata pro tabula: Michael Schneider Flute Consort; Musica Antiqua Köln): J K. Tolar (Sonata a 13 in C: Friedemann Immer Trumpet Consort); Trad (Slovakian folk music: Jan *Miho, heligonka, Igor Danihel,* fujara, Mucha Family Ensemble from Terchova); Franz Benda (Flute Concerto in E minor: Kari Kaiser: La Stagione, Frankfurt); Trad (Bohemian folk music: Mala Ceska Muzika from Prague); J.B Vanhal *(Sonfinie in D minor:* La Stagione, Frankfurt)
12.00 Schumann's Heine Song-cycles (r) **1.00pm News**
1.05 St David's Hall Lunchtime Recital: Julian Jacobson, piano, plays Weber (Sonata No 2 in A flat, Op 39); Chopin *(Three Mazurkas, Op 59);* Ravel (Jeux d'eau); Chopin (Fantasy in F minor, Op 49)
2.00 The Virtuoso Chamber Orchestra: The 1970s. Dennis McCaldin presents recordings by the Academy of Ancient Music and the Polish CO. Purcell (Theatre Music — excerpts); Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 6 in B flat); J C Bach (Overture, Astarto); Mozart (Symphony No 30 in C, Alleluia); Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 3 in G); Bartók (Divertimento); Gorecki (Three Pieces in Olden Style); Mozart (Divertimento in F, K138, Finale)
4.00 Brahms: Violin Sonata in G, Op 78 (Susie Meszaros, violin, Martin Ennis, piano)
4.30 The Breadfruit Tree: Pascal Nabet-meyer introduces his recordings of traditional songs *from the island of Rapa Iti (r)*
5.00 In Tune, with Richard Baker
7.30 Tippett and Beethoven: BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis performs Tippett (Praeludium); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 4 in G: John Lill); Tippett (Symphony No 4). Including at **8.15** Interval Reading
9.10 Porter's Return: Andrew Porter makes his final comparison on musical life in Britain and the United States
9.20 War and Peace. Scheidt (Paduan dolorosa); Monteverdi (Lamento della Ninfa); Biber (Pars No 3 in A minor. Mensa sonora); Buxtehude (Quemadmodum desiderat cervus); Monteverdi (Se vittorie si belle; Tempro la cetra; Il combattimento di Tancredi e Clorinda) (r)
10.30 A Sorceress of Her Time: See Choice
11.30 Midnight Oil: Philip Tagney presents Morton Feldman (Rothko Chapel) and Walter Fähndrich (Viola III)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-1.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** *Weather* **7.45** *Thought for the* Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is Baroness Tessa Blackstone, master of Birkbeck College (r)
9.45 The Village: Nigel Farrell presents real-life stories from Bentley in Hampshire
10.00-10.30 Dear Diary (FM only): Simon Brett with diary extracts from April 30
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 Something Understood (LW only): A selection of poetry on *the theme of ordinary lives.* Read by Louise Beattie, Jennifer Ehle, Keely Marshall and Amanda Waring
10.30 Woman's Hour, from Manchester, talks to Joanna Foster on her last day as chair of the Equal Opportunities Commission; and considers the law on spanking children. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme, presented by Kelvin Boot
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm The Food Programme, *presented by Derek Cooper* **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Cox
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Classic Serial: Children of the Dead End, by Patrick McGill (1/3) *(r)*
3.00 News; Special Assignment
3.30 Bookshelf: To coincide with the publication of her novel, *Poet and Dancer,* Nigel Forde talks to Ruth Prawer Jhabvala about her life and work
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope visits the *Video Positive* exhibition at the Tate Gallery in Liverpool; looks at the work of the sculptor Laurence Edwards at London's Crypt Gallery; marks the tenth anniversary of the choreographer George *Balanchine; and listens to a* bagpipe quintet from France
4.45 Short Story: The Bad Boy, by Berlie Doherty. Read by Kathryn Hunt
5.00 PM 5.45 Local Government Election Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places, presented by Janet Trewin
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serle
8.05 Any Questions? Sue MacGregor chairs a discussion in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, between Robin Cook, MP, shadow trade secretary; Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the TSB; David Mellor, MP; and Cristina Odone, editor of the *Catholic Herald*
8.50 Law in Action, with Marcel Berlins
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r). See Choice
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Love on *a Branch Line, by John* Hadfield. Read by Michael Cochrane (5/10)
11.00 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news
11.25 The Financial Week, with Heather Payton
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, *incl* **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

A Sorceress of Her Time. *Radio 3, 10.30pm.*

Michael Bakewell's dramatised feature is about the woman who was successively wed to Gustav Mahler, the architect Walter Gropius and the writer Franz Werfel. She was also wooed by so many celebrated suitors that it is a minor miracle that Bakewell managed to fit them all into 60 minutes. As well as not being able to resist putting on the new before casting off the old, Alma Mahler (played by Jane Lapotaire) was a raving beauty. Bakewell suggests that it was this, not her intelligence — she was not impressed by what Mahler or Werfel wrote — that powered her sorcery.

Kaleidoscope: After Henry. *Radio 4, 9.15pm.*

During Tim Marlow's enquiry into the post-Henry Moore progress of sculpture in open places, a woman in the street gazes at one exhibit and asks in astonishment: "What is it supposed to be?". If she has problems with non-figurative art, how much more confused will she be when asked *to borrow the eyes of those contributors tonight for* whom sculpture is primarily a means of looking afresh at the familiar spaces that it adorns?
Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **9.00** Friday Rock Show **11.00** John Peel (FM only from 12.00) **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Andrew Neil **2.00pm** Debbie Thrower **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Let's Do the Show Right Here: Mark Steyn chairs the quiz about musicals **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **9.45** Susan Tomes at the piano **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme from Aberdeen **12.05am** Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes **1.00-4.00** John Terrett

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm.** **6.00am** World Service. Newshour **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Topic Resources 9-11. **9.15** Playtime. **9.30** The Music Box **9.45** Something to Think About; **10.00** Music Workshop **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** It's My Party: Elizabeth Emanuel (r) **1.00pm** News Update **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** A Game of Two Halves **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** Nigel and Earl Sort Out the World **7.15** Ghostly Tales for Gruesome Kids **7.30** Popcall **8.30** Euromix **9.30** Ruby III **10.10** Rave **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

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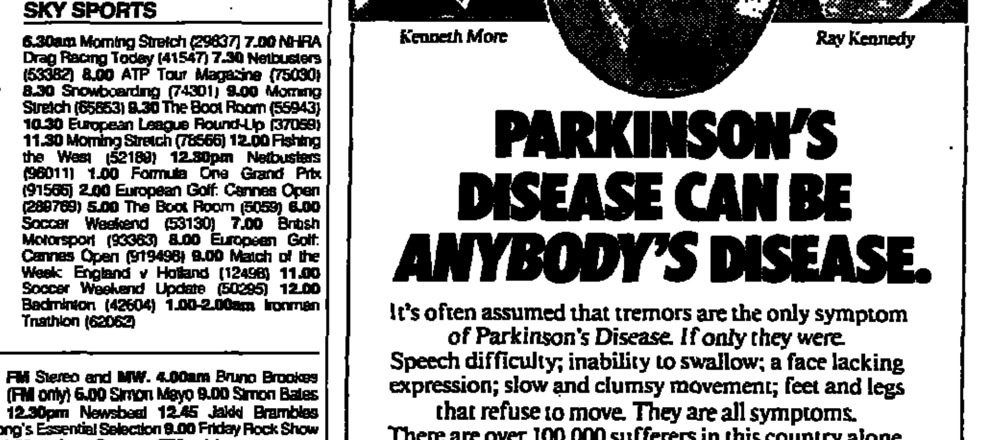
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SPORT

Gascoigne needs surgery on cheekbone after international

Dutch deny guilt over injury

By Rob Hughes
Football Correspondent

ALLY McCoist's ambition to score 60 goals this season has come to an abrupt end with the confirmation yesterday that he broke a leg in Scotland's World Cup defeat by Portugal in Lisbon on Wednesday. McCoist, with 49 goals for Rangers this season plus three more for Scotland, fractured his right fibula during the 5-0 defeat and will not be back until the start of next season — he may even miss his own testimonial game at Ibrox on August 3. The injury was confirmed after the Scots' return to Glasgow early yesterday and Andy Roxburgh, the Scotland coach, said: "I wish him a quick recovery. It was a tragic way for such a rewarding season to end."

BACK at their Hertfordshire hotel at midnight, the Dutch players who fought to a draw from two goals down against England at Wembley on Wednesday had the look of guests who came to dinner and left with the cutlery.

It was not, as you might imagine, guilt over the depressed cheekbone of Paul Gascoigne, even though it emerged yesterday that he will require surgery, will be out for two weeks but expects to be fit for England's next World Cup qualifying match in Poland on May 29.

Inevitably, there are doubts about the intent or otherwise of Jan Wouters's use of his elbow into Gascoigne's face. However, the Dutch mood late on Wednesday was affected more by the fact that their revival in the match was laced with luck and with decisive penalty decisions that went their way.

Wouters, a small, inoffensive looking man in civilian clothes, asks you to accept that "though there possibly was contact, it was an accident". Others in the Dutch team point out that Gascoigne may have had it coming — his antics in mocking the Dutch players during the 1990 World Cup finals, his own use of elbows then and on Wednesday were compounded by his childish petulance.

Dick Advocaat, the Dutch coach, does not argue that England should have had a penalty when they led 2-1 and De Boer kicked Ferdinand. However, beyond rational argument, was the penalty which saved the game for Holland and probably their aspirations towards the 1994 World Cup finals.

It came four minutes from time. Walker, England's fastest defender for a decade, was palpably out-paced by the winger the Dutch refer to as "Overdrive" Overmars. Clearly, Walker's first offence in grabbing the shirt of Overmars came outside the penalty area, but Overmars stayed on his feet, stayed in control and was still moving goalwards faster than Walker could catch him. To award a free kick then would have been to punish the winger's gifts. Once inside the box, with Walker still fouling from behind, Overmars went down and the penalty was automatic.

Of the match itself, Advocaat complimented Graham Taylor, the England manager, more generously than the English. He conceded that England's pressure-play prevented Dutch talents from flowing and, moreover, he believed Taylor's selection and strategy were, in the first half, better than his own.

Advocaat also contradicted the view of his players that Chris Waddle should have played. "Your manager is right, he has built a consistent, effective team and I share his view that it would be wrong to make three changes to bring in one individual, even with the flair Waddle has."

There is pragmatism, too, in the Dutch and memory serves that there always was. Even the superb teams of the Seventies had defenders who could bite like piranhas and, of Wouters, Advocaat says almost admiringly: "He is a hurtful competitor — but so is Dixon. I like Dixon very much: he is fast, committed and a little bit dirty. You need that."

Some may do, but English had best stay their hand and temper words concerning the malicious use of elbows. We live in a country whose Football Association chief executive went to court following a similarly wounding elbow to give evidence for the defence that he sees 50 such collisions in every match. Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of the Professional Footballers Association, expressed his disappointment that the referee had not seen the incident and taken action. "The body of opinion was that the challenge on Gascoigne was the wrong side of fair," he said.

Nevertheless, Wednesday was dominated not by sheer force but by the spirit displayed first by England and matched by Holland. Though both teams had identified the men they felt most likely to score against them, Platt and Bergkamp nevertheless scored again, Platt with typical opportunism, Bergkamp showing his amazing balance, awareness and deft touch.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Out of reach: Harden, of Somerset, sweeps past Aymes, the Hampshire wicketkeeper, during his four-hour innings of 97 at Southampton yesterday

Land purchase may boost Wimbledon's master plan

By John Goodbody

THE All England Club is on the brink of being able to buy 70 acres of adjacent land in Wimbledon that could be used as part of its development plans for its annual tennis championships.

Acquisition of the freehold site, presently occupied by the Wimbledon Park Golf Club, would give a further boost to the All England Club, which is determined to maintain its championships as the world's premier tennis tournament and last month announced details of a "master plan" to develop its present 42-acre site.

Buying the 70 acres on the opposite side of Church Road would dovetail, eventually, with its plans to build a new No 1 court, extend the centre court and erect a new complex to house the players, members and the press. It would give, at worst, space for car parking, corporate hospitality facilities and practice courts.

However, local residents and the golf club, which has 48 years of its lease to run, are fighting the sale decision taken by Merton Borough Council's policy and resources committee on Tuesday.

There is a restrictive covenant that precludes buildings on the site, except if they are ancillary to open space and recreational use and do not impair public appreciation of the land. This covenant probably helps the All England Club since it would stop developers from buying the site.

The final decision will be made at a full meeting of Merton council on Wednesday, but its Labour majority, keen to raise money for other capital projects, seems certain to follow the committee's lead.

In a letter to local councillors on April 22, Chris Gorringe, the chief executive of the All England Club, stressed that the club's plan for the next 20 years "is indeed designed to establish that we can achieve all our essential redevelopment and refurbishment within our existing site, all of which we have owned for many years".

He continued: "There is no hidden agenda beyond that. The 'Master Plan' stands on its own feet without the use of any adjoining land [other than for temporary parking etc during the championships, as at present]."

However, he added: "As the freehold is to be sold, we feel we should be showing a firm interest in it, again in order to seek to protect our existing temporary parking and other arrangements for the long term."

The All England Club has had one attempt at expansion turned down by the Wimbledon Club, another neighbour on the other side of Church Road and whose nine acres are surrounded by the Wimbledon Park Golf Club. Both the Wimbledon Club and the Wimbledon Park Golf Club rent their facilities for car parking during the fortnight of the annual championships.

Wimbledon Park Golf Club, which has 730 members, fears that despite its 48-year lease, the sale of the land will



eventually "sound the death-knell" of the club, which celebrates its centenary in 1998.

In 35 years' time, members will stop joining because they will know the lease will be running out. However, problems could be much nearer. Trevor Orpwood, the club chairman, said yesterday that if the All England Club buys the 70 acres, it will then be "extremely likely" that it will make an offer for the lease and simultaneously "help us to find new facilities ten miles down the road."

The Wimbledon Park Residents Association, whose meeting last week attracted more than 200 people fearing development of the open space, is lobbying Labour councillors in an attempt to persuade them to break ranks and vote against the sale on Wednesday.

Impressive start for Hemmings

EDDIE Hemmings, beginning a third county career, with Sussex, at the ripe age of 44, showed he is still an off spin bowler to be reckoned with at Cardiff yesterday by dismissing four of the first five in the Glamorgan batting order (Geoffrey Wheeler writes).

Hemmings, whose signing has meant the demotion of the promising Bradleigh Donelan, ended an opening partnership of 110 by winning an lbw decision against James, who made 78, before disposing of Glamorgan's three biggest guns — Morris, Maynard and Richards. Thirty teasing overs brought Hemmings a return of four for 69 as Glamorgan were bowled out for 331.

Four wickets, too, for another off spinner starting life with a new county, Adrian Pierson, who like Hemmings began at Warwickshire, picked up four for 57 as Leicestershire dismissed Surrey for 245. He began Surrey's decline by having Alec Stewart stumped after he had put on 70 for the first wicket with Darren Bicknell.

Leicestershire's satisfaction at the end of a successful day was tempered by news that David Millns, their England A fast bowler, needs an operation on a damaged Achilles tendon and will miss at least the first month of the season.

TOMORROW

The Times offers the chance to win tickets to Axa Equity and Law League Sunday cricket matches

Lathwell makes light of burden

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

SOUTHAMPTON (Somerset won the toss, first day of four): Somerset have scored 343 for five against Hampshire

MARK Lathwell is self-effacing to a fault, anxious to confine the rising tide of publicity surrounding him. He failed in this aim yesterday, despite falling one run short of the first championship century of the season, for Keith Fletcher, the England manager, was here to watch him. Lathwell is now closer than ever to a Test place.

Many others had come hoping only to see Gower, the annual pilgrimage to the court of King David, but they cannot have been disappointed by what Lathwell offered. He was subdued at first, as if his customary hangdog head was further weighed down by expectancy, but he came to treat each Hampshire bowler with contempt.

When he left, caught off a leading edge, it was a surprise to all and a disappointment to the neutrals, for he provides rare and compulsive viewing. Somerset, however, are no one-man band.

Richard Harden, uncompromising and underrated, stayed four hours for 97 and Nick Folland, the schoolteacher playing only his second championship match at the age of 29, batted with growing conviction for 81 as Hampshire toiled without conviction.

There is an unmistakable air of self-belief about this Somerset team, markedly contrasting with their opponents here. The trump card, Mushtaq Ahmed, will not be played until mid-May, but he has been passed fit after his back problems by a specialist. Their seam attack bristles with potential. And, on this evidence, they will seldom go short of runs.

It was, admittedly, not a pitch to make Malcolm Marshall's eyes sparkle. It was not a pitch to make anyone's eyes sparkle, too slow both for the quick bowlers and the shotmakers, lacking in bounce and giving no evidence of turn. Four-day cricket will only fulfil its aims if the surfaces on which it is played are more conducive than this.

Hampshire, forced to do without the stitched and bruised Robin Smith, were using spin at both ends within the first hour but it was Connor, in his second spell, who broke the opening stand.

By this time, Kevin Shine had become the latest bowler to learn that it is ill-advised to drop short at Lathwell. Twice in succession he hooked him, one bounce, to the mid-wicket boundary. His first 50 took two hours, but in the post-prandial sunshine he prospered, one back-foot drive off Marshall leaving the great West Indian staring in astonishment.

Lathwell passed 50 on 12 occasions in first-class games last season, but only once went on to 100. Despite two memorable centuries on the England A tour, his career figures still wear a lopsided look, but he should not fret.

He has played two compelling innings already this season: the big scores will follow, along with the recognition. If, along the way, he can remain the shy country boy, all credit to him.

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KEEP IN THE DRY THIS WEEKEND.



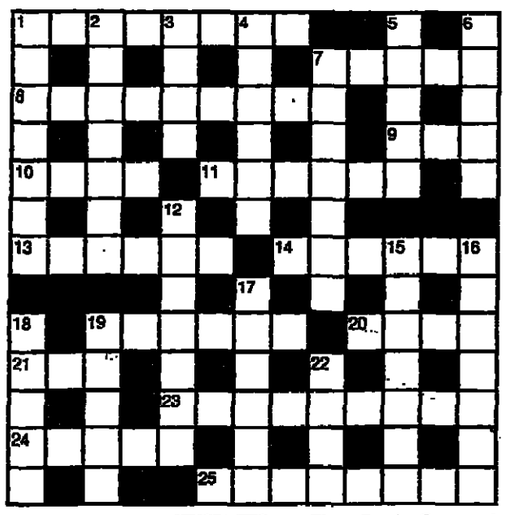
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10 Dutch S African settler (4)
11 Map key (6)
13 Treacle sweet (6)
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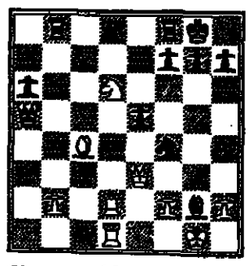
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1 Restrain (7)
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3 Erase (4)
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5 Fencing weapon (5)
6 Dowdy woman (5)
7 Gain (7)
12 Three score and ten (7)
15 Venice boat (7)
16 Noisy nasal breathing (7)
17 Claim (6)
18 Restless (5)
19 Opium plant (5)
22 Boast

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DOWN: 1 Make safe 2 Weapon 3 Leverage 4 Weak 5 Oyster 6 Basic 13 Under age 14 Uncle Sam 16 Dreary 17 Divide 19 Pawn 20 Prig

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Cvitan — Rogic, Zagreb 1993. The black king appears safe enough, but White managed to power his way through the defences with a neat combination. What did he play? This position is difficult so give yourself a pat on the back if you solve it.



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

TODASH
a. To dash in pieces
b. Big toenail
c. To give a tip

MANCATION
a. Taking a census
b. Hunger and thirst
c. Mutilation

REPIQUE
a. A triumph at Piquet
b. Resentment
c. A Picador's lance

COLOPHONY
a. An ending
b. Greek yodelling
c. Dark resin

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